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Conflict between nations is replaced by vicious civil strife that lasts for decades

The end of war – and peace

By Christopher Bellamy

There were fewer wars last year than at any time since the end of the Cold War in 1989, according to the authoritative Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

The Institute's latest yearbook notes some intriguing trends underlying the apparently chaotic conflicts. None of last year's wars was between retions. All 30 were civil wars fought within "weak" or "failed states", apparently signalling a further shift away from the pattern of inter-state wars which has characterised the modern era.

Yet as the institute. Sipri. makes clear, the new age of warfare has brought its own terrible price. Internal conflicts can be as bloody, or worse, than international clashes, and can bubble away for years, even decades.

The United Nations Charter is not designed to deal with civil war, and there is still no consensus as to when other states are entitled to intervene. And the main military powers are increasingly called upon to commit themselves as peacekeepers or peace-enforcers. without wartime mobilisation. straining their resources.

The distinction between wartime" and "peacetime" is breaking down: in that sense. the world is witnessing the end of "war" and "peace"

The number of wars is in "very slow but steady decline". according to Sipri, and it is expected to decline more sharply in the future as conflicts which were suppressed during the Cold War and have since erupted play themselves out,

Last year there were 30 conflicts in 25 different regions of the world, compared with 32 in 28 regions in 1994. There has been a slow but continuous fall since 1989, when there were 36 conflicts in 32 regions. However, wars last longer, and in intensity can fluctuate wildly.

More of the internal conflicts are now being fought over territory than over government control. Instead of "winner takes all" struggles to secure control of a state, civil wars increasingly involve attempts by local or ethnic groups to break away, or to struggle for control of resources.



...But the bloodshed

Conflicts in progress in 1995

- Peru, 28,000 Guatemala, 2.800 3 Colombia, 30,000
- 4 Liberia, 20,000
- 5 Sierra Leone, 3,000
- Algeria, 45,000 B Sudan, 40.000
- 9 Somalia, not known 10 Bosnia/Herzegovina, 55,000; Croatia, 10,000
- 11 Israel, 12,500 12 Iraq, not known

13 Turkey, 17,000

Two new major conflicts began in 1995; the Russian operation in Chechnya, which overwhelmed all other conflicts in its intensity and in the number of people killed, and the civil war in Sierra Leone between the government and the Revolutionary United Front. But two conflicts - in Yemen than 1,000 people a year. The cession in the South Philip- under the surface of former also hard to see the UN inter- food and water, as population

and Rwanda - ended, and in another four - Azerbaijan, the Croat-Muslim conflict in Bosnia, Georgia and Northern Ireland - there were cease-fires of varying longevity and dura-

"Major armed conflict" is defined as that which kills more

worst last year, by far, was Chechnya, estimated to have killed 10,000 to 40,000 people.

But, according to Trevor Findlay, the Sipri project leader for peace-keeping and regional security, many other conflicts go unnoticed, "East Timor, Bougainville, the Muslim se-

pines, the Chittagong Hill Tracts - they've been going on for years but they're not big enough yet.

Dr Findlay thought the number of conflicts would decrease further as the end of the Cold War had enabled a number of disputes that had been bubbling

former Yugoslavia - and on the edges of the former Soviet Union, to break out, "They will sooner or later be worked through," he said,

Communist states, such as the

"But Africa is different. It's not Cold-War related and is connected with resources. It is

Patriotic Front during a battel in Liberia's capital,

increases. In the longer term. global warming will also be a

The Sipri report highlights the changed nature of international security problems and the pressures on the UN. especially in Bosnia, where it was outflanked.

While the UN in its 50th anniversary year played a role in almost every conflict situation the new emphasis was on conflict prevention ... diplomatically, the UN was marginalised by the Dayton process. It was not even represented at the

The 50-year old UN Charter concentrates on the need to preserve "international peace and security", and contains few direct provisions for dealing with internal conflicts. There has to be a risk to international security – such as large numbers of refugees spilling over borders – before the UN's authority can be invoked.

"The original framers of the charter didn't have internal conflicts in mind", said Dr Findlay. "It seems to me internal conflict is intrinsically more difficult to deal with. It's very difficult to get a han-

The involvement of the big powers has shifted from active support of one side against the other to attempts to minimise and contain conflicts - like the UN and Nato intervention in Bosnia. But the need for the major powers like Britain. France and the US to be continually involved in other people's wars in what is still called "peacetime", has placed their armed forces under considerable strain.

No longer can they expect to mobilise reserves and large chunks of the national life to back those forces up. This week, the House of Commons Defence Committee said that "either a prolonged peace-keeping mission like I-For (in Bosnial is too large a task ,or the Army is too small."

criments will find harder and harder to square.

QUICKLY

Murder 'whitewash' A report into the psychiatric care of Shaun Armstrong who ig jurdered three-year-old Rosie Palmer in Hartlepool was a "whitewash", her mother said vesterday.

Ecstasy danger

Users of the drug cestasy are risking long-term brain damage. according to two experts who argue the drug should never be Page 3 Jegalised.

Russia prepares

Russian officials were vesterday completing preparations of mind-boggling proportions for the first presidential election since their country became an independent nation. Page 14

Money in blue jeans Levi Strauss plans to give all its employees in the UK a bonus of a year's salary.

Thatcher jabs Major; he wallops back DONALD MACINTYRE

John Major's patience with Baroness Thatcher finally snapped last night after she embarrassed him by handing out a large and highly public donation to William Cash, leader of this week's Commons rebel-

Lady Thatcher's calculated and defiant piece of snook- must answer for her own cocking came after Mr Cash, the MP for Stafford, had been effectively ordered by Alastair Goodlad, the Chief Whip, to stop taking funding for his European Foundation from Sir James Goldsmith.

lion against government policy

This angered some of the Conservatives' hard-line anti-ter to the rebel MP. Mr Cash

Brussels MPs and seems to himself had been at the centre have persuaded Lady Thatcher to intervene. But in what amounted to his first clear rebuke for Lady Thatcher after enduring a series of unhelpful interventions in the running battles over Europe within the party, a furious Mr Major hit back. He declared that, though everyone had a right to decide to do what they wished with

given the money to the Conservative Party After meeting Mr Cash, who has been a thorn in the Prime Minister's side for the past four years. Lady Thatcher issued a warm and public "Dear Bill" lct-

their money, "Lady Thatcher

actions. Personally I would have

of a furious row within his own party this week over fact that Sir-James Goldsmith has been a major donor to the European foundation, which Mr Cash chairs, and which provides the hardline Euro-sceptic MP with research assistance in the House of Commons, Mr Major was said to be incandescent at the gesture towards one of his principal Euro-sceptic tormen-

Mr Cash was bitterly attacked in public by pro-Eu-ropean fellow MPs and in private by senior ministers for accepting money from the billionaire tycoon, whose Referendum Party is threatening the fragile majorities in up to 20 Conservative held seats.

Mr Cash, who only vesterday morning had been accused dismissively by Kenneth Clarke. the Chancellor, of *pure gesture politics" subsequently announced that while he had done nothing wrong in accepting the money he would now stop doing so. Lady Thatcher wrote: "The

work of the European Foundation in researching information about European issues is vital both to the Conservative Party and to the country. It is well known that the advocates of European federalism have never lacked access to funding. Not so those who seek to preserve British sovereignty. It is therefore all the more important that your foundation

we have discussed, I am making a donation to help it do so." Mr Cash last night expressed his great gratitude at what he culled a "substantial" donation from "one of the great prime ministers of our times". He refused to disclose the amount.

significant donations" since the argument about his funding from Sir James had blown up. Baroness Thatcher's help for Mr Cash came as the Chancellor savaged him for taking moncy from the leader of a party which was going to put up candidates against the Conserva-

but said that he had also

received several "smaller but

Defending Mr Major's leadership over Europe, Mr Clarke, should continue its activities. As the most prominent and least

the Cabinet, went out of his way on BBC Radio to attack the Stafford MP.

15 Sri Lanka, 32,000

vening on a large scale fashion

He said conflicts in Namib-

ia, Angola and Mozambique

fully, but in future the UN

might stay out. Conflict is in-

creasingly expected to break

out over scarce supplies of

had all been resolved success-

in any of these conflicts."

16 Russia, 40,000

17 Tajikistan, 50,000

18 Afghanistan, 15,000

20 Cambodia, 25,500

21 Philippines, 25,000

22 Bangladesh, 3,500

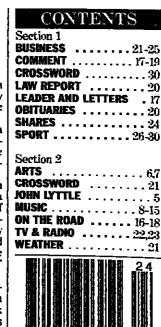
23 Indonesia, 16,000

19 India, 37,000

He said Mr Cash's Bill on a European referendum was "totally incompatible with the approach adopted by the Cabinet and the party.

"It was a gratuitous Ten Minute Rule Bill. It hadn't a snowball's chance in Hades of hecoming law. It was pure gesture politics in order to curry favour with a man who it turned out afterwards was financing the organisation behind Mr Cash, Mr Clarke said.

"Mr Cash in some newspa pers has been turned into a statesman, which I don't think he is. He sounded after this incident suitably repentant."



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There ain't nothing like a Dame disturbed

She doesn't know it, but for some time now I have been carrying a torch for Dame Peggy Fenner. Twice a week, instead of attending to the mundane and drab business of argument about how the country is being run, I look down from my cyrie in the press gallery and watch

Yesterday, as always, she took her seat in the front row below the gangway attired as one about to be presented to Her Majesty shortly before a Gala performance of something or other. Sometimes (bliss!) she dresses in clinging, azure coloured silks, others her long, long dresses feature fabulous patterns (once I thought Pharoah triumphant, taken the Chamber. It is as though she



DAVID A A R O N O V I T C H

Karnak - but it is true that my glasses were steamed up at the

There she sits, small bag on lap, alternately looking ahead or examining her order paper. She does not shout or gesticulate. Instead she listens. But not, one

Anger at

release of

conman

her own private concert, scrutinising the programme, various pieces of music passing through her immaculately coiffured head. Only the tiniest twitch, a purse of the lips, an inclination, gives any clue as to the tempo or pitch of her internal orchestra (although usually the fare seems to be a little Handel and a lot of Gilbert and Sullivan).

Yesterday, however, was different. Dame Peggy had taken her place accounted in a slinky patterned number, with puce panels, handbag and lipstick to match. As Jacques "Buzz-saw" Arnold asked the PM - in low whine - some ridiculous whip's question about how Britain is now the richest and happiest country in the universe, Pegs

were in the first row of seats at was being treated to "A Wandering Minstrel 1".

There was no hint of the cacophony to come when Tony Blair asked the Prime Minister a carefully constructed question. Had the MPs for Harrow East and Hendon North managed to wring a big concession out of the Health Secretary, with regard to Edgware Hospital, by threatening to withdraw their support from the government?

They had not, Mr Major, insisted emphatically. No deals had been done. Lots of other people had lobbied the gov-ernment too; churchmen, local groups, you know. And the net result was that the A&E department at Edgware had not been saved, as the MPs had wanted. So that was that "A

thing of rags and patches," hummed Dame Peggy silently.

Outside it was becoming discordant. Mr Blair pointed out that the MPs themselves had said that their threats had produced a positive response would the PM categorically deny this? To which Mr Major repeated his earlier formulation. A yard away from Dame Peggy, Labour's Andrew Mackinlay was now shouting at the top of his voice. Suddenly aware that something was up she peered curiously at him from over her order paper - Wagner is not usually part of her

repertoire. When Blair stood up a third time all hell broke loose. The peasant levies on the Tory side realised that their man was in

trouble. Behind lovely Peg. Buzz-saw moved into an intolerably high gear. The Speaker shouted at him to belt up. Then former headmaster Harry

Greenway had to be warned. "What about Mackinlay?", he yelled, regressing 50 years in five seconds. Now the Dame's face indicated that Stockhausen's loudest and most experimental symphony was playing to an unappreciative audience.

Finally Sir John Gorst (one of the two MPs concerned) supported his Prime Ministerin Lenin's words, "as the rope supports the hanging man" - by revealing that the concession had only been quite big. Slump-ing back, Dame Peggy could hear the mournful bars of "The

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

The IRA was undoubtedly responsible for shooting dead a detective last week during an abortive armed raid on a postal delivery van, the Irish Republic's Garda

Commissioner said yesterday.

The assertion by Commissioner Patrick Colligin followed ballistic tests confirming bullets used in the robbery that killed Garda Jerry McCabe and critically injured a colleague matched those from a Kalashnikov assault rifle used in an IRA raid in 1994. Kalashnikovs are used almost exclusively in Ireland by the IRA.

Public outrage at the murder drew 25,000 people including the Irish President Mary Robinson, the Taoiseach, John Bruton, and other party leathers to Garda McCabe's funeral in Limerick, effectively turning the event into a demonstration against terrorism.

Postal workers are to strike for 24 hours next Friday after the breakdown of talks over a pay and productivity nackage yesterday. The action by 140,000 Royal Mail workers in the Communications Workers Union is the first

national postal strike in a decade. Management registered their keenness to contain the industrial action to one stoppage, but it appeared there was a deep rift over management plans to improve efficiency; Royal Mail said that no post boxes would be scaled next Friday and that employees would be paid overtime to clear the backlog quickly. Negotiations resume on Monday in an attempt to revert the action, although management concede the strike is likely to go ahead. Barrie Clement

Ign Yentob was appointed director of programmes

They the BBC in a move that makes him the "creative" leader across its television and radio production. His new brief covers drama, music, arts, sport, children's and factual shows as well as English language work for the World

Service.

In a move predicted by the Independent last week, he will lead the board of management programme committee on which the directors of radio and television, channel controllers and production heads sit. Previously controller of BBCL, a post which now disappears. Mr Yentuh commissioned some of the corporation's most successful programmes including Pride and Prejudice. P.1

Damages of £150,000 were awarded against police in London who falsely arrested two Turkish referees who fled to Britain to escape persecution. Haci Bozkurt. 35, and Baki Ates, 34, were allegedly punched and one was hit with a truncheon after they were arrested for violent disorder during a protest outside the Halkevi Community Centre, in Stoke Newington, north London, in 1991. Mr Bozkint suffered a broken nose and Mr Ates a black eye and bruised hip. Charges against the men later collapsed. A pury at Central London County Court found police officers at Stoke Newington guilty of using excessive force, faise impresonment and malicious prosecution after a six day trial. Both men had been granted political asylum after fleeing police persecution in Turkey for their left wing views. Police are appealing against the award.

A libel action was settled by two MPs. Clare Short, Labour's transport spokeswoman, and Keven McNamera, a former party spokesman on Northern Ireland, accepted damages and legal costs in settlement of a liber action against Stuart Sexton, the Conservative a liber action against Striart Sexion, the Conservative candidate at the North Down by-election in June last year, Paul Megarity, chairman of the North Down Conservative Association, and the Guardian over a press release claiming they were "well known for their support of Sinn Fein/IRA and a united republican Ireland". The defendants acknowledged both MPs had never supported the IRA or any party promoting terrorism. Patricia Wynn Davies

The aftermath of the Dunblane tragedy could cost
Stirling Council more than £3m, it emerged. The council has made a formal submission to the Scottish Office for help with the bill as officials fear that if the Government fails to pick up the tab it will have a "considerable impact" nit council taxpayers in the region.

Tom Coll, charman of Stirling's resources committee.

said: "This is money that is being well spent so that the people of Dunblane receive the help and support they need to get them through this terrible time." The highest cost at \$928,177 is for social work services, including a 24 hour. connselling service. The police bill stands at £555.000.

Dritish Gas has pald nearly £8.5m in compensation to 400 momen who were forced to retire at 60, After 10 years of lingation ending in the European Court of Justice in Luismbourg, the former employees, who were made to leave the company in the late 70s onwards, received an average £23,000 each in out-of-court settlements with individual amounts ranging from £1,000 to £59,000. All instrict they wanted to work until 65 like male colleagues

Chemisty's partiament voted to legalise abortion be and two thirds majority. The decision, after eight hours of emotional debate over two days, ends an 86-year-old life. that made abortion punishable by life imprisonment. the change abortion can be carried out up to the 12th w of pregnancy, provided two doctors approve. Philip In



Child-killer report attacked

GLENDA COOPER

A report into the psychiatric care of Shaun Armstrong who murdered three-year-old Rosie Palmer is a "whitewash", her

The care given to Armstrong was "inadequate" and full of shortcomings, but his actions "could not have been predicted" an independent inquiry presented to Tees Health Auhority concluded.

It is almost two years since Rosie Palmer's body was found in Shaun Armstrong's flat in Hartlepool. Armstrong was jailed for life last July after adnitting murder.

It emerged that a year before the murder, a senior social child he comes into contact

that Armstrong had been accused of abusing three other children, had himself been sexually abused as a child, was the product of an incestuous relatiouship and in turn had an incestuous relationship with his mother, had a violent past, and had drink and drugs problems. Psychiatric reports prepared for the Crown Court diagnosed him as suffering from a personality disorder.

Armstrong's initial clinical history at Hartlepool Hospital was full of shortcomings said the inquiry and his subsequent admissions to hospital - five with-

strong is likely to be a risk to any in 14 months - was "further able: "I will never trust the aucompromised by reliance on the initial inadequate clinical his-

> The main question the inquiry team, chaired by Clyde Freeman, a Darlington solicitor. faced was whether Rosie's murder could have been prevented if Armstrong had been treated differently by the various agen-

"The team conclude there was some inadequacies in care, but believe even if those inadequacies had not existed Armstrong's behaviour - and therefore the risk to others -

could not have been predicted. But Mrs Palmer said she could not accept that Armstrong's actions were unavoidthorities again. We all live in total fear," she said. "If the IRA plants a bomb,

they are responsible. If somebody like Armstrong is given a home in a community, it is the responsibility of the authority. Authority Tom O'Connor said

some recommendations had already been implemented and a review of the Care Programme Approach at Hartlepool had been carried out jointly by Tees Health Authority and social services. "An action plan - part of which will be to devise a programme of further audits in or-der to continually improve the quality of CPA - is being drawn up to address the findings.

PM sets up child-abuse inquiry

REBECCA FOWLER

The Prime Minister vesterday set up a national inquiry into the widespread abuse in Britain's children's homes, claiming that he was "personally horrified" by the experiences of hundreds of young people who grew up

After a Cabinet meeting in which ministers discussed the plight of children who had been sexually and physically abused. John Major announced that Sir The minister's answer infu-William Utting, a former chief inspector of the Social Services Inspectorate, would investigate safeguards to protect children. Mr Major said: "Children in residential care are self-

evidently among the most vulnerable members of our society. The Welsh Secretary and the Health Secretary have been considering what action to take, and we agreed their proposals this morning."

> where at least 200 children lived under the shadow of paedophiles, and 12 former residents committed suicide following their experiences. Both inquiries follow a cam-

A separate inquiry will investigate the widespread abuses in homes in North Wales,

paign by the Independent into the scandal in Britain's homes, which only emerged when vic-tims found the courage to reveal what had happened to them, exposing networks of paedophiles.
The appointment of Sir William had a mixed reception among childcare experts, who welcomed it, and former homes residents, who were concerned that the inquiry should be as independent as possible.

Sir William conducted a general report into childcare in homes in 1991. He is also chairman of the Institute for Social Work, which has campaigned for an improved system in the face of recent scandals including the largest investigation yet in Cheshire where more than 300 children were abused.

Daphne Statham, director of the institute, said yesterday: "He's a man of immense in-

tegrity and is committed to in-volving young people and get-ting their views. He has a very clear concept of the rights of young people in public care."
However, Zak Savio, 26, who
was abused as a child in homes
in North Wales, said: "I'm wor-

ried it's a conflict of interest to have someone who was an inspector of social services. Why couldn't they have chosen a barrister, someone who had the expertise but was separate?"

The inquiries will be overseen by Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for Health, and William Hague, Secretary of State for Wales. They will appoint a judge to lead the Clwyd review.

John Major writes, page 19

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CHRIS BLACKHURST

A former civil servant jailed for

the biggest single fraud by a Whitehall official when he ac-

cepted £1.3m in bribes has been freed despite refusing to obey

a judges' order to repay most of

ed furiously to the release of

istry of Defence official who was

The Labour Party has react-

Foxley: Backhanders hundreds of jobs

Lyell, the Attorney-General, protesting at his swift release. The Crown Prosecution Service confirmed yesterday that Mr Foxley had been asked to pay the money and had re-fused. "We did ask him and he has not paid it," said a CPS spokeswoman. The Parole Board had decided to release

Mr Foxley, she said. Mr Foxley, 71, the worst ever example of a civil servant taking bribes, is now back at his luxury home in Henley-on-Thames, while the CPS applies to the courts for a receiver to be appointed to seize his assets. A court hearing is scheduled for

likely to be confined to his cash and property in this country. Mr Foxley has previously been accused by the MoD po-lice who investigated him, of having squirreled away his bribes cash in secret bank accounts in Switzerland. The MoD police have repeatedly complained of being frustrated Gordon Foxley, a former Minby the Swiss autorities in their efforts to penetrate the ac-

Any court order, though, is

the end of July.

sentenced to four years in prison in in May 1994 for ac-The full extent of his activicepting bribes from overseas ties may never be known. As a munitions manufacturers in recivil servant his salary was turn for orders. Passing sen-£25,000 a year but police found tence, Judge Brooks ordered evidence of at least £3.8m passthat Mr Foxley should be sening through his bank accounts. tenced to an extra three years The anger of Mr Straw, who if he failed to repay £1.5m

demanded an explanation from within 18 months of going to Sir Nicholas, is heightened by prison, a figure based on the asthe fact he is MP for Blackburn. sumption that the real size of Trade unions at the Royal Ordthe bribes he accepted was nance armaments factory in much higher than that given in the town claimed that Foxley's corruption had cost the town Jack Straw, the Shadow hundreds of jobs.

Government embarrassment over his release was heightened by the release of a full confession and apology from Raufoss, one of the firms that paid him backhanders. The statement from Raufoss in Norway, said he received "commission" through a Swiss company. The payments covered the period when he was still working as the

chief of MoD ammunition pro curement. *Raufoss declares unequivocally that it should not have madé commission payments on MoD contracts," said the statement. The company apologised unreservedly to the MoD, said it deeply regretted the embarrassment caused and has agreed

to compenstae the government. Since the case, the three firms have been blacklisted from receiving new MoD or-

In a Parliamentary answer vesterday, James Arbuthnot, junior defence minister, said that following the agreement with Raufoss, normal commercial relations would be restored. Negotiations with the other two companies, added Mr Arbuthnot, were still continuing.

riated Labour, for whom David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, said: "The company's statement is but cold comfort for the thousands of defence workers made redundant in the wake of this massive fraud."

The report also disclosed

mother said yesterday.

worker had warned: "Arm-

news

Tomorrow's world: A new exhibition celebrates the great predictions of celluloid

We have seen the future - and it works (mostly)

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent

From life on Mars to peevish robots, film-makers have been predicting the future for a century. In a surprising number of instances they got it right, an exhibition opening today

film-makers of the past not only visualised the future, but in some cases helped make it

happen.
Philip Strick, who is writing an encyclopedia of science fiction film and acted as an adviser for the exhibition, said many scientific advances had been foreshadowed on film long before they were invented.

artificial intelligence. In The Phantom Empire, a film serial made in the late 1930s, there was a tin man," he said.

"Films made about 1910 had beople going into hotels which were entirely self-operating. explorers who investigated the Everything is done mechanically: life forms they found - an en-

food is provided mechanically. "Now, of course, if you have enough money you can have your own home doing the work for you at a verbal command. Lights will switch on, the television will come on when you

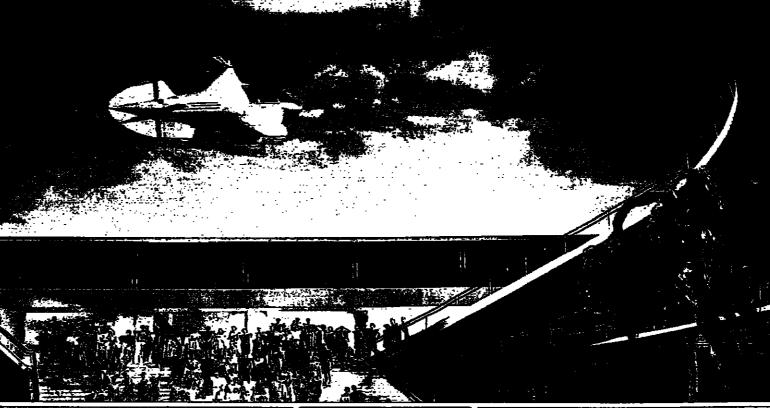
Other examples predicted the closer future with uncanny Image-ine, at the Museum of accuracy. The 1909 film The the Moving Image on Lon-Airship Destroyer offered a don's South Bank, looks at how chilling insight into the kind of chilling insight into the kind of destruction Britain would endure in the First World War.

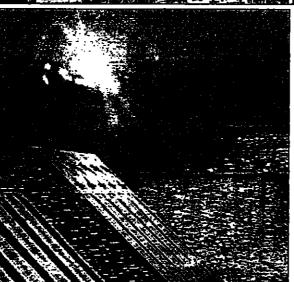
tell it to."

Shots showed balloons, diriibles and aircraft crowding the air over the capital and dropping bombs (admittedly heaved overboard manually on vehicles below, including a

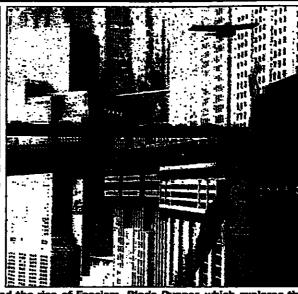
Georges Melies in 1903, pre-"Even in the first 10 years of dicted Neil Armstrong's moon cinema you can spot ideas about landing of 66 years before it actually took place. Less than 10 minutes long, Trip To The Moon showed a rocket being fired off by a cannon and landing on the moon's surface.

Out poured warmly-dressed









Fiction into fact: Scenes from Things to Come (top, and above centre), which foreshadowed the rise of Fascism, Blade ambiguities of human and android existence (left) and the workers' nightmare, Metropolis (right)

cruited from the Folies Bergeres. Attempts at realism fell entists returned to earth using only the forces of gravity.

Later films such as Destination Moon by George Pal in the 1950s also showed men being

they acted as a kind of marketing tool for the scientists in Bladerunner, made in 1982, Mr the space race - and even, some argue, helped the reality

Another well-known film from 1936, Things To Come, foreshadowed the rise of fascism exerything is done mechanically. life forms they found – an enight is turned on mechanically, ergetic group of dancers reSuch was their popularity that while reality is still catching up las with illuminated handles were human or artificial."

with a far more modern film,

the portrayal of a society almost dominated by Eurasian and Far Eastern interests. The film

which people carry around to

"One example is the stark notion that sophisticated malook of the city, and another is chinery will eventually reach the point where we are unable to tell robots from real people. You could watch a nightclub per-former and not know if they

Star Trek, which has long shown

Captain Kirk and his team casually passing through remotely-operated doors, examining holograms and chatting by the equivalent of the video

The exhibition ends October

Cream raises hopes for impotent

GLENDA COOPER

Men suffering from impotence could fare better by rubbing in a new cream rather than embarking on a course of painful injections, according to the latest research which is pub-lished in the *British Medical*

A trial of the new cream. which contains a cocktail of drugs that dilate the blood vessels, has been successful in 66

Statistics released in the UK last year, based on a survey of 2,000 men, claimed that 26 per cent of the UK adult male population have experienced impotence to some degree, that 5 per cent of men are impotent all or most of the time and that within any two-week period in the UK, 2.3 million men suffer from erectile dys-

But, at present, the most common way of dealing with impotence is to use vaso-active drugs. These are given via injections, which may be stressful for the patient and have unpleasant side-effects.
The double-blind trial, car-

ried out in Egypt, involved 36 impotent men with an average age of 48 who had suffered impotence for more than three

There were varying reasons given by the men for being mable to sustain an erection including diabetes, high blood pressure, anxiety and depres-

The men were given the active cream - which contains aminophylline, co-dergocrine and isosorbide dinitrate - for one week and a placebo for the following week. Erectile response, the patient's satisfaction and any side-effects were investigated.

The active cream increased blood flow to the penis and induced erections.

Twenty five patients reported spontaneous erections dur-ing the week in which they were treated with the active cream and more than half reported successful intercourse compared to three who used the

The treatment worked particularly well in men whose impotence had a psychological component. None of the patients reported side-effects such as headaches, dizziness or plaints from their partner.

The author, Professor Ade Gomaa, professor of pharmacology at Assiut University, Egypt, concluded: "Even though more studies are needed, treatment of impotence with a cream ... might be considered before the intracavernous injection of vaso-active

Ecstasy users 'risking long-term brain damage'

3LENDA COOPER

Jsers of the rave drug ecsi tre risking long-term brain don, and Professor Guy iamage, according to two experts in the British Medical 'ournal who argue the drug

While there has been much sublicity about the poisoning efuch as the death of 18-year-old as MDMA, produces a emphoric rush with feelings of exhibitation and the ability to

Goodwin, of the MRC Brain Metabolism Unit, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, believe the drug's permanent psychiatric effects are potentially more

damaging than its toxicity. The drug, otherwise known

An estimated 500,000 people take ecstasy in Britain every week but only a small number of people have died – about 50 in Britain since the late 1980s.

The Home Office believes that 10 per cent of 14 to 19-yearolds have experimented with the

The question of long-term yet exists that regular users of drug before, found "profound"

rodents and monkeys have shown that mild doses of the drug caused long-term destruction of nerve cells in the brain concerned with the release of a mood-altering chemical, serotonin. Even when the destroved nerve cells regrew, they

did so in an abnormal way. "No unequivocal evidence

Green, from the Astra Neuro- is that body temperature can been a controversial one. But the studies that have been per- the brain which were confirmed appear only in several years' assurance", the professors said. One study found that 30 reg-

ular users of ecstasy have lower concentrations of serotonin in brain spinal fluid, similar to the effects seen in monkeys.

Another study in the US, carried out for the Food and Drug Administration on 18 human volunteers who had taken the

But Professor Richard dance for hours. The downside damage from using ecstasy has ecstasy have brain damage but and "permanent" effects on such as major depression will

Since serotonin played a major part in mood control, regular ecstasy users might be expected to have psychiatric problems - and there were case

reports to support this. "What is of great concern is the possibility that the neurotoxicity in humans might be slow and insidious, and that problems

recent editorial argued against legalising ecstasy because of the problems of acute toxicity. To this we add that no one should seriously consider legalising a compound that can be shown to cause long-term neurodegeneration in rodents and primates at doses that differ little from those used recreationally by

Vir Darien Bales of Durham

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Held to ransom: Government furious at being forced to retreat on hospital closure as MPs put constituency before party

Pork-barrel politics come to Britain

DONALD MACINTYRE Political Editor

The Government last night reacted with fury after being caught in the act of reversing a local hospital closure hours after Tory MPs threatened to deprive John Major of his

Commons majority.
The two Tory MPs, Hugh
Dykes and John Gorst, were given an angry dressing down by Alistair Goodlad, the Chief Whip, after they pursued their constituency interest to the point of threatening to withdraw support from the Government

if they did not get their way. The threat, described by a member of the Government last night as a blatant example of "pork barrel politics", came to light when it became clear that Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, had decided to allow the former accident and emergency unit at Edgware General Hospital to stay open as a casualty unity with 24-hour medical cover.

The fury of ministers from John Major down was compounded when it emerged that at least one of the MPs had let it be known before the decision was taken that he had threatened to withdraw support from the Government if a solution to the controversy was not found.

There were accusations of "blackmail" from fellow MPs at a tense meeting of the 1922 Committee of Tory backbenchers last night in the wake of noisy exchanges between Mr. Goodlad and the two MPs.

Mr Goodlad accused the two men of "breathtaking naivety" after summoning them to his office, and of violating the principle that MPs may not threaten a government with a fragile minority for the sake of a simple constituency issue.

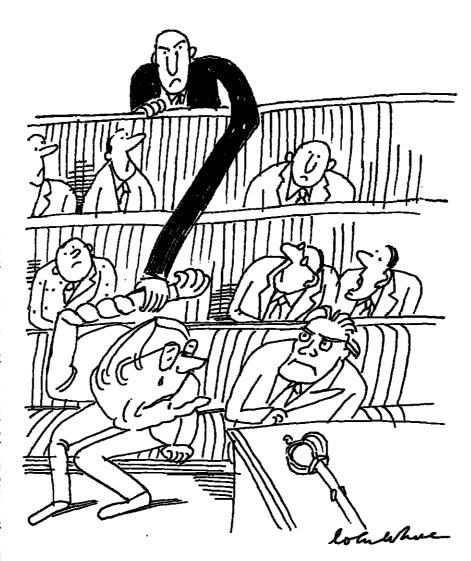
At the same time, Mr Goodlad accused the two MPs of breaking an explicit undertaking to Mr Dorrell of confidentiality in discussions on the future of the Edgware unit. The implication of Mr Good-

lad's rebuke was that other MPs should not think they would get away with applying similar pressure.

The main point of dispute within the Tory party last night over the saga was whether the decision was taken in response to the letter from the two MPs threatening non-cooperation.

Mr Dorrell was adamant yes-terday that while the details of a decision to allow a 24-hour casualty unit with medical backup were finalised on Tuesday. the day he and the Chief Whin received the threatening letter from the two MPs, there was no question of him doing so under pressure from the letter.

The Health Secretary said that after a series of meetings culminating with one with local MPs and campaigners last Wednesday he had let Mr Gorst know on Monday night, during a commons division, that he would be focussing on the issue the following day. Mr Dorrell insisted the MPs' letter was "entirely counter-productive".



Billion-dollar bill for private 'pork'

RUPERT CORNWELL Washington

It is as old as time, and as ineradicable as sin. It costs US taxpayers anything from \$10bn (£6.5bn) to \$100bn (£65bn) a year, depending on how it is defined. It is "pork", unnecessary spending to humour a Congressman or Senator, paid from the central federal budget.

Pork is the business of the other, secret Congress: not the place of the wordy, self-pro-moting politicians whose favourite prop is a television camera, but of arcane backroom committee rooms, where special interests are accommodated, votes bought and deals struck.

The term has been part of America's political vocabulary at least since 1870. It embraces items in appropriations Bills in state, city as well as federal budgets - which are targeted to local ends. The pork-barrel's bounty ranges from the absurd (\$5m for research into Belgian endives, or \$65m for a museum of old trains in Scranton, Penn-sylvania) to the colossal (B-2 bombers and Seawolf nuclear submarines at \$2bn apiece). Now this should be a bad time for pork; scarcely a week pass-es without the White House or Congress issuing a plan to bal-ance the federal budget, while so outraged are Republican

US EXPERIENCE

deficit hawks by Washington's feckless ways that they want to eliminate entire departments of

Government. Behind the noble words. everyone is an accomplice. For members of Congress, securing pork is the best way of showing voters back home they are delivering the goods, Both Republicans and Democrats go along. The White House too plays the game, promising favours to powerful interest

Civil war link

The term pork-barrel politics derives from the pre-civil war custom of periodically distributing barrels of salt pork to slaves, who would each rush to grab the largest possible amount.

groups, or key states in the elec-toral college.

Pork indeed has its defenders. Without it, this camp insists. compromise could never be reached in a Congress where party discipline is minimal compared to Britain.

But as George Bernard Shaw noted: "A Government which robs Peter to pay Paul can al-



JAMES CUSICK

The Greeks used to say that the gods themselves were moved by gifts, and that gold did far more than words. But John Major can forget the advice of Euripides, for the Prime Minister will now be looking at giving away hospitals, some new roads, more underground trains, the odd airport, and a few carefully placed new fire engines if he wants to continue in power.

The cries of "blackmail" and 'ransom" increased yesterday as details of the deal between the two Tory MPs and the Secretary of State for Health, Stephen Dorrell, emerged, but one parliamentary diarist, the Right Honourable Tony Benn cried:

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"This is not blackmail ... this is democracy in action."

As part of the last Labour government in 1979, Mr Benn will have been aware of the similar deals that confronted a Labour minority government desperately clinging to power. Labour's whips struggled to keep, one former whip recalled,

'the malcontents" happy. The Callaghan administration got used to hanging on with the help of the SDLP in Northern Ireland. And, initially, the Welsh Nationalists came to Callaghan's assistance. They wanted compensation for former miners suffering from The gift train was now running.

Gerry Fitt, now Lord Fitt, was one of the two SDLP MPs that generally voted with Labour. He disliked the hard-line tactics of the then Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Roy Mason. The SDLP also wanted a gas pipeline for Ulster. Mr Mason would not be moved, and there was no decision on a pipeline. When the opportunity arose, Gerry Fitt and Frank White vot-

ed with the opposition parties, and the Thatcher years began. Whether those Tory MPs who are currently threatening to vote against the Government will do so, and whether. like Gerry Fitt, they walk

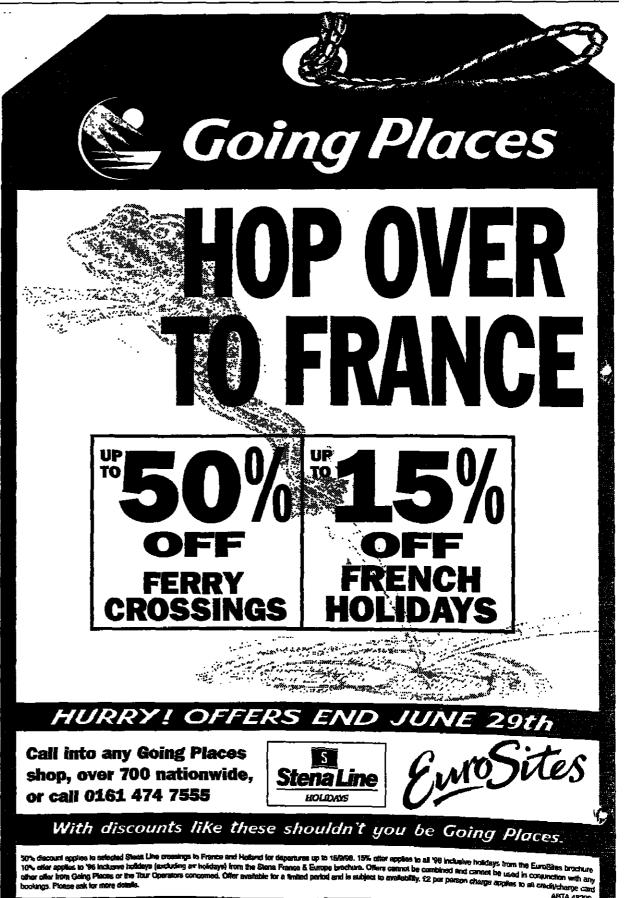
pineumoconiosis. Labour gave through a voting door with it to them in return for votes. determined. But at the moment, according to sources, Mr Major may need reminding that any conscience bought once, might need to be bought twice.

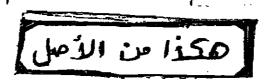
However there is one other real problem. One political analyst in Westminster said: "In many marginal Tory constituencies the sitting MPs don't have anything to barter with. Maybe there is no hospital under threat, no new road to complain about. And if there is bloody nothing there, then the

will be bloody sweating."
But as Mr Benn believes, all this is not blackmail. Maybe. But you can buy friends with nice

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Bright as a button: The millennium package deal will see staff being paid a year's bonus salary

Levi's £500m bonus aims to keep staff riveted with joy

and ROGER TRAPP

At 2pm yesterday the world-wide boss of Levi Strauss, Bob Haas, informed his 1,600 United Kingdom employees of a "wonderful plan" to reward them.

Mr Haas was speaking from San Francisco via a pre-recorded video to his staff in Scotland and Northampton, but his scheme was even more revolutionary: To pay each of them a bonus of a year's salary.

Staff at first were nonplussed "At first I thought 'why?" said warehouse packer Dave Sangster, an employee for only six months who stands to gain £11,000. "But then I realised there was no catch. I'm pretty

The plan, which flies in the face of "downsizing" and talk of leaner and fitter workplaces, involves all 37,000 permanent staff

at the end of 2001. The only qualifications for the millennium package are that employees have to work for at least three years from now and that the jeans company reaches its goal of a \$7.6bn (£5bn) cashflow.

The payment is based on salaries on 17 April this year and those who leave after three vears will still be paid a pro-rata amount of the bonus. If the target is exceeded they could earn At the company's distribution

centre at Moulton Park near Northampton a 60ft marquee was erected to announce the news, and the 190 workers were treated to jugglers, mime artists and a jazz band as they signed certificates of participation.

The scheme, thought to be the first of its kind in the world,

is regarded by the firm as a reward for hard work and an incentive for more profitability in the future. Janic Ligon, its UK

general manager, said: "Motivated employees are our source of innovation and competitive advantage. We are not a charity. If we achieve our target then we will be more profitable and will share in this with our

The £500m cash bonus is the latest in a series of steps taken by Mr Haas, the chief executive, in his effort to transform his family company. The great-great-grand-nephew of the varian immigrant who founded the company, took over in 1984, when the glory period of the 1970s had come to an end. Recession, the baby-boom gen-

ditional jeans and the advent of low-cost competitors had put the management into a quandary. Though the bonus scheme is evidence of Mr Haas's continucd commitment to the company's employees, it was not always that way. Between 1984

eration's lack of interest in tra-

the number of product lines by two-thirds and between 1981 and 1986 shed 17,000 people on the back of shutting 59 factories and service facilities.

But this trimming down of operations and of hierarchy has given the organisation a focus that Mr Haas and his executives have built on since taking the company private via a leveraged buyout in 1985. The company has performed so strongly that the debt has been paid back and the organisation valued at \$13bn. World-wide sales last

year were \$6.7bn.
At a time when many organisations set out visions and mission statements. Mr Haas has fought to make the company live up to the ideals set out in its "aspiration statement". Specifically, its leaders must abide by very high ethical standards, value diversity in such ar-

eas as age, sex and race; push

isation; show recognition for good performance and make a commitment to helping people learn and develon.

Financial analyst Shirky Hill, 40, who has been with the firm for 13 years and who will pick up a bonus of £22,000 said the news did not come as a huge surprise. "It's the sort of thing you almost come to expect from Levi's. It's a good feeling to be wanted by a company.

Reaction was equally positive in the three Scottish manufacturing plants in Bellshill, Dundee and Whitburn.

Des Farrell, national officer of the GMB general union, said: "It is great news for the workers and can only help the success of this commany. Levi Strauss have taken a giant leap into the next millennium by rewarding their workers. They will sec record -breaking returns in productivity and loyalty.

Caring and sharing boosts firms' profits

Rare as it might seem, other enlightened companies have also shown that generosity to staff can help enhance profits. Marks & Spencer, which recently consolidated its position as Britain's leading retailer with a strong rise in profits to nearly £1bn, has long had a reputation for look-ing after its staff and rewarding them well. The patrician atmosphere has receded a little recently, but it still has extensive benefits, including a noncontributory pension scheme, various profit share and bonus schemes and comprehensive health care for the 54,000 UK employees.

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The department store group the Iohn Lewis Partnership has - as its name suggests - long involved its employees in the success of the company. Staff, who ranthers as soon as they receive permanent contracts, nave enjoyed a share of the profits since the 1920s, when spedan Lewis began the process of transferring ownerhip of the business he inherited from his father to the

In the 1980s, the profit share passed the 20 per cent level beore slipping below double figtres in the early 1990s. Last ear, the 35,000 partners in ohn Lewis. Peter Jones and Vaitrose shops around the ountry shared in a total bonus f £57m, about half the amount eft in profits after tax.

Each person - from the hamman to clerks - received 15 er cent of their salaries, quivalent to nearly eight eeks pav.

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2 the United States, the eleconics company Hewlettackard has attributed its ontinual growth over more ian half a century to trusting s employees and giving them share of the organisation's

Started in what is now known icks to the credo of founders ill Hewlett and Dave Packard o". From its early days, it has

operated a bonus scheme, or profit share, under which all employees around the world receive a share of the profits every six months.

Last month, the pay-out to the more than 100,000 employees was 12.8 per cent, though the basis of the scheme is under review because falling costs are likely to make the amounts paid unrealistic.

The Brazilian manager of Semco, Ricardo Semler, stunned the business world three years ago, when he published a book Maverick, in which he explained how he had transformed his ailing family-owned manufacturer of pumps, mixers and other industrial equipment by turning the organisation's hi-erarchy upside down.

Employees set their own hours and, in some cases, their own salaries and everyone - from senior executives to messengers
- has access to financial information. In the decade and a balt since Semler took over Semco from his father, sales have increased by more than sixfold and profits have risen 500 per cent.



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Free ice-creams are available Silicon Valley shortly before every day, though some staff to Second World War, it still have begun turning them down on grounds of weight gain, and Mr Stewart, whose clients are nat employees come to work mainly charities, says the do a good job, not to screw guiding rule is still four hugs

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Britain is reduced to 16th in world league

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

John Prescott yesterday accused the Government of presiding over "17 wasted years" after the deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, unveiled a White Paper on competitiveness confirming that Britain had slipped from 15 to

The centrepiece was the proposal to boost education and

Torics came to office.

vealed last week in the Inde-pendent. Mr Heseltine promised a White Paper on self-govern-ment in schools with legislation on discipline in the autumn. John Redwood, former Sec-

retary of State for Wales and leading right-winger on the Tory backbenches, urged the Government to go further. He called for whole class teaching. 16 in the world league since the more learning of tables, and a reversion to traditional methods of teaching. Today Mr Redwood, leader of the Conservatraining for those over-16, re- tive 2000 Foundation, will

Michael Heseltine launches White Paper designed to create enterprise centre of Europe

challenge the Labour leader Tony Blair to co-sign a letter to the 10 worst-performing edu-cation authorities drawing their attention to the problems of numeracy and literacy.

The White Paper - creating the enterprise centre of Europe -also contained proposals to cut red tape on business, and persuade firms to pay bills on

time, but it took all Mr Hesel-

tine's presentational skills to avoid embarrassment in the Commons. He told colleagues when he ordered the audit of Britain's competitiveness that he would "take it on the chin". He was privately advised against publishing some of the details, but yesterday his bullish per-formance did not seek to hide

the fact that Britain still lags behind the rest of the world. Britain's position would have been two places lower in the league, but Mr Heseltine insisted that Singapore and Hong Kong, who were higher, could not be included in the table of world competitiveness because

although highly successful, they were not members of the Or-

ganisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Mr Prescott said the 236-page document was "fatter, and has more pictures and more than a whiff of the forthcoming general election about it". The deputy leader of the Labour Party accused the Government of managing decline. Mr Heseltine put the best

gloss on the report, insisting that it showed the decline in Britain's position had been arrested after the Tories came to

and 1993, Britain grew faster than any of the G7 countries apart from Japan.

"We have the highest level of inward investment as a proportion of GDP of any developed country - we attract over a third of all the inward investment into Europe. It is the biggest vote of confidence we could have," Mr Heseltine said.

promises to be a key battle ground at the election. Gillian But there was laughter in the Shephard, Secretary of State for Commons when he said Education, announced propos-Britain's relative position acals to reform teacher training cording to the OECD figures

Behind the White Paper. however, there are battles over the action needed to improve education and training, which

past 17 years, not down to 18 in the league table. Mr Prescott

shouted "forging ahead" - the name of an earlier White Paper

on competitiveness.

and promote self-improvement had gone from 15 to 16 over the Small firms' fury over debt blame

PATRICK TOOHER

The Government yesterday angered small companies by claiming they were to blame for

not getting paid on time. Rejecting calls to introduce laws that would give firms the right to claim interest on overdue bills, Richard Page, the min-ister for small business, said: "Small companies are so de-lighted about winning an order they forget about getting paid."

His remarks came as the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, unveiled a £200m package of support for small and medium business in his third Competitiveness

SMALL BUSINESSES

White Paper, including help for small firms to recover debts. Mr Page's comments were condemned by the Forum of Private Business, which speaks for 24,000 members. "It take a blind nerve to suggest small companies bring this on them-selves," said Dave Harrop. Dominant customers know full well they can get away with

not paying their bills on time." A survey by the Confedera-tion of British Industry found late payment is a problem for almost half of small and medium-sized businesses.

Almost a quarter have to wait up to 90 days before being paid, causing cash-flow prob-lems, difficulties repaying bank loans and the collapse of up to 5,000 businesses a year.

A Bill going through Parliament gives contractors greater protection. But Mr Page urged small firms to put their own house in order by improving credit management, to reduce the problem of late payment. He cited recent research that

found less than one-fifth of smaller firms had a credit policy, two-fifths did not agree terms in writing before a sale and 83 per cent paid their suppliers late.

shot to the top of the political agenda earlier this year fol-lowing remarks by Mr Heseltine that as a small businessman he had been "quite skilful at string-ing along the creditors". Late payment, he said, was part of the

culture of British business. The Prime Minister, John Major, promised to look at ways of shaming late payers into settling debts on time. But the Government has stopped short of introducing a statutory right of interest, arguing that it would

legitimise late payment. Instead, companies are now obliged to state what their policy on late payment is.



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A skills audit carried out by cent by 1993. overnment departments shows hat most multi-national com-At degree level, the US is ahead of its competitors with 22 Speaking at the launch of the White Paper, Gillian Shephard, per cent of adults having comvanies think British workers the Secretary of State for Edumly have an adequate level of pleted a university course. In kill in mathematics, reading Britain, 19 per cent have done cation and Employment, said so while France achieved a lev-el of 16 per cent, Germany 15 the audit did not reflect the improvements which had been nd writing. They rated those in France,

comparison with its main com-

It shows also that Britons are

less likely than people in other

countries to have the equivalent

of 5 GCSEs at grades A to C.

They are less likely to have two

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ahead of those in Singapore and the US and equal with France.

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higher level of literacy and numeracy skills than their British counterparts

FRAN ABRAMS

Education Correspondent

Britain's workforce is less lit-

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USA 29, UK-30, France 31, Germany 62. urther White Paper on selecon in schools. It is the third in

Heads down: Pupils studying in a Singapore classroom where, according to a government skills audit, they gain a

Illiterate workers slip to

the bottom of the class

to 44 per cent in the same peleast-qualified earn less. People with degrees earned 150 per riod and the number of 18-yearcent of the median male wage olds in education and training in 1993, compared with 148 per had risen from 45 per cent to 60 cent 15 years earlier. Those without qualifications earned 91 per cent. She admitted that there were

per cent of the median in 1979, areas where Britain needed to but this had dropped to 81 per improve its performance, however, and promised initiatives to increase both A-level passes and levels of literacy and

per cent and Singapore 12 per made. In 1995, more than two-thirds of young people achieved

The paper also shows that the best-qualified British employees

now earn proportionately more

than they did in 1979, while the

"Education and training is crucial to our competitiveness. We have a major programme of

Photograph: Jenny Matthews/Network

thirds of young people achieved 5 or more GCSEs, compared

with just over a half in 1990, she

said. The number passing at A-

level had risen from 30 per cent

reforms in place to tackle well over a century's neglect of this country's skills needs," she said. David Blunkett, Labour's spokesman for education, accused the Government of failing to equip the nation with the

skills it needed. "The Tories must own up and accept their responsibility for their failure, and stop trying to blame Gladstone and Churchill," he said.



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'Overuse' of remand is filling women's jails

Home Affairs Correspondent

Magistrates should stop remanding so many unconvicted women into the country's overstretched and under-resourced jails, the Chief Inspector of Prisons said yesterday.

Sir David Ramsbotham called into question sentencing practice - which has produced a huge hike in the number of female prisoners - as he reported on the turnaround in dreadful conditions at Holloway prison in north London. which had caused him to walk out in disgust last December.

The once rat-intested, squalid jail, where prisoners were locked up 23 hours a day, pregnant women were shackled while in labour and morale was at rock bottom, was now "decent" and working again. Sir David said. But he warned that there was still a long way to go and added ticularly concerned that the

*never again must Holloway or country's jails were ill-prepared allowed to sink into the situation that we then found".

According to Sir David, many of the jail's problems arose from its use as a remand centre for 240 courts around the country and half of its 500 inmates were unconvicted and often in on short-term, even overnight stays. He is said to want magistraies to make greater use of bail hostels - many of which are now being under-used and closing.

"I wonder whether some of the people remanded by the courts should be here," he said yesterday. "I think it would be appropriate for the courts to consider whether their instructions to magistrates are right and whether magistrates are committing people to prison who should be looked after

somewhere cise." The Chief Inspector was par-

any other prison in the UK be to deal with the special needs of women - in particular their needs as mothers and the fact that many of them have been abused.

Yesterday prison reform groups confirmed the progress made at Holloway, but they warned that budget cuts coupled with the spiralling prison pop-ulation - now at 54,764 - meant many of the problems which faced the jail six months were were in danger of being repeated across the country.

Paul Cavadino, chair of the Penal Affairs Consortium, said: "Prisons are having to cope with a rapidly rising population while making staff redundant. There is a real risk of other prisons being plunged into the same kind mess that Holloway was in last December."

Yesterday there were also warnings that prison budget cuts and a burgeoning population were threatening drug-

Lady Runciman, chair of the criminal justice group on the Advisory Council of the Misuse of Drugs, said that much progress had been made in developing anti-drug and treatment policies for prisons: "But

overcrowding and staff cuts are

jeopardising the whole prison strategy," she said. The council's report confirmed that drug abuse was widespread with jails but knocked down the suggestion shoplifters and leaving as drug addicts". However the council had found that there were a "significant" minority - probably less than 1 per cent of the

while in jail, thus increasing their risks of HIV and hepatitis. ☐ Drug Misusers and the Prison System; HMSO PO Box 276 London SW8 5DT; £9.

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Bill likely to lengthen wait for divorce

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

Nine out of 10 couples with children will have to wait longer to get divorced under the Family Law Bill as it now stands, fig-ures released yesterday by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) show.

Its analysis of the length of time it took in 1994 to achieve a divorce injects fresh ammunition into the debate around the Government's Bill. Far from making divorce

quicker, the figures demonstrate that for most couples it will take longer. The figures came as the latest statistics show that divorce

fell again last year, down to 155,500, down from a peak of 165,000 in 1993. The office insisted yesterday that the publication of its analysis in Population Trends, just as involve about four in five havthe debate over divorce law re-

argument that he is making divorce quicker and easier.

In 1994, a year that is typical of recent years according to ONS, just over half of the 158,000 divorces were to cou-

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ples with children under 16. And two-thirds of all divorces were fault based - on grounds of adultery, unreasonable behaviour, or desertion rather than because of separa-

Couples with young children were more likely to use faultbased routes than separation, possibly because there are greater practical difficulties. But the 1994 figures show more than 40 per cent of divorces are made absolute within six months of a petition being filed and 80 per cent within a year. The average was six months where the husband sought divorce and seven months where

the wife was the petitioner. Under the Bill as it stands, couples who agree to divorce and have no children will have to wait 12 months. And where there are children under 16, the

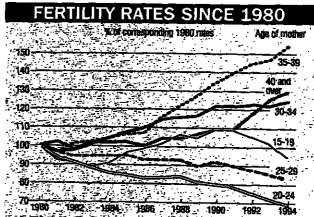
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wait will be 18 months. As a result, John Haskey, an ONS statistician said, "about nine out of 10 couples with children under 16 will have a longer wait, and for other couples, the minimum 12-month period will ing to wait longer.

form reaches a climax, was "purely coincidental". But Lord Mackay's supporters will seize on the numbers to reject the ed—the legal process of divorce, as opposed to the time people remain married after the mar-

on two-years and five-years separation are removed from the figures, 60 per cent of cou-ples with children under 16, and just over half of other couples will wait longer than under the current system, Mr Haskey said. □Population Trends 84 (Summer 1996) HMSO £11.



One in five women set to be childless

Britain's population is set to fall for the first time since the Black Death as more women remain childless and family sizes stay small, the Office of National Statistics said yester-day, writes Nicholas Timmins.

The UK's fertility rate has been below the level needed for the natural replacement of the population for more than 20 years. Bob Armitage, a statistician with the ONS said.

Women are having children older, with fertility rates falling for women under 30 and rising for those above that age. The proportion of women who never have children has increased

er have children has increased and looks set to rise further.

Of those born in 1944 only 10 per cent remained childless. For those born in 1949 the figure is 13 per cent. But for those born in the 1960s, the trends indicate that more than one in five are likely to remain childless, a proportion not seen childless, a proportion not seen since the first two decades of the century when the First World War decimated the country's the UK

youth and left many women to live their lives out as spinsters. Many factors may explain the decision not to have chil-dren, Mr Armitage said, including women's greater access

to education and employment At present, births still exceed deaths each year because the baby boomers of the 1960s gen-eration are reaching peak childbearing age. But as they age, the smaller numbers born in the 1970s, when fertility fell and then stabilised, are likely to have fewer children overall - producing a population decline in around 2025 as those born in the post-war baby boom start to die іл питьеть.

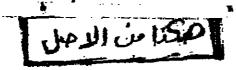
Apart from a statistical blip in 1983, it will be the first time. the UK population has fallen in 600 years - since the Black Death in the mid-14th century. Italy, Spain, France and Gereller

many all have lower fertility rates than Britain, the first two and Portugal being likely to cnter population decline ahead of

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Blood, gore and Bible in 90 minutes at Fringe

LOUISE JURY

More than 9,000 people will stage 14,060 performances of 1,238 shows in 187 venues to celebrate the half-century of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. The more unpredictable sister to the International Festival of the arts takes over the city in Au-

It was claimed yesterday at the official launch of the Fringe programme that this year's event will be the largest arts festival in the world since records began. The organisers have calculated that buying a ticket for every show would cost £7,382.85 but since it would take more than 550 days to watch them all end to end without sleep, no one's bill will be that high.

be that high.

Hilary Strong, fringe director, described the 144-page programme as presenting an unrivalled selection of the world's greatest artists in comedy, dance, music, theatre and visual art". And she hoped it would continue the tradition of continue the tradition of launching new careers, explor-ing ideas, pushing back bound-aries and, possibly, simply

shocking people.

The blood and violence quota will be raised by the first British stage performance of Quentin Tarrantino's cult film Reservoir Dogs and if the stomach has not been churned by the experience a three-course meal will be on offer in the company of Dr Faustus.

The complete story of the Bible is be told in 90 minutes, 30 dancers will do the first Scottish version of Riverdance, pay-ing tribute to William Wallace theatre groups for its sellers.

and Rob Roy, and a "site-spe-cific performance" will be staged

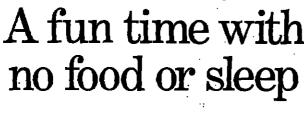
in a three-storey car park.
The writer Irvine Welsh's first play, Headstate, is being revived in the wake of his book/play/film success with *Trainsposing* while more mainstream revivals include the family musicals of Oklahama! and Oliver! and no fewer than three versions of The Little Shop of Horrors. Established favourites re-

turning to Scotland will include the entertainer Jools Holland, the comedian Lee Evans and the anarchic French circus Archaos.

Perhaps appropriately, the Scottish play will be most performed, with six different ver sions of Macbeth. There will be four versions of Bouncers by John Godber, one the fringe's hardy annual contemporary writers, and three of Antigone Hamlet and Tartuffe.

More than half of those taking part will come from Eng-land, just under a third from Scotland and others from as far away as Asia and Australia.

To encourage wider participation, Ms Strong yesterday announced three new schemes for the three-week extravaganza. Edinburgh's first circus school will offer 10- to 16-yearolds a role in a joint venture with the city council. The research and development arm of the National Theatre will leave London to stage classes and workshops for actors, writers, directors and the general public in the Fringe Club. And the Big Issue newspaper for the home-less is hosting a series of events



Erecting the six-tier seating was tough. The 5am dress rehearsal the day we were due to debate over why our allegedly flame-resistant black drapes caught fire when the brigade tested them with a match for safety reasons is unresolved.

Probably the biggest nightmare of three weeks as a student thespian on the Edinburgh Festival Fringe was sharing a twobedroom flat at huge expense with 13 (or was it 15?) other people. A holiday it wasn't. The flat was an improve-

ment on original arrangements. in a moment of madness we had decided to cut costs and stay in our hall-turned-theatre next to a bus station in Leith.

The insanity of this living-onthe-job arrangement became clear on the first night. Even the allure of cheap food in the bus canteen paled as our suspicions grew that the incomprehensible bus-workers did not approve of a bunch of Oxford undergraduates.

But it was all part of the experience. Anyone going to per-form on the Fringe has to be mad if they think they will eat, sleep or make money.

You fly-post when not performing, entertain at the strangest hours and adjourn to the Fringe Chub for the terror of reviews in the first-edition matter. My brief appearance in the limelight was fun.



Jury own days at the Fringe

The cost of hiring a venue and publicising and staging your shows is considerable. Unless a big-name performer, your chances of an income from the venture are virtually nil.

Topping living expenses are the drinking and the tickets to the Polish state theatre and cutting-edge comedy. Renting accommodation is the final blow to the bank balance as canny Scots leave home for the month and charge the earth for the pleasure of your tenancy. Which was why I ended up sharing with 15 in a jumble of limbs, luggage and sleeping bags.
The shrewd survive. Choos-

ing a school exam set-text tends to boost attendance. We made Arthur Miller's The Crucible a (relative) hit. The financial triumph were 4pm readings from The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole with a cream tea, which drew legions of parents desperate to silence their kids. Our acting was certainly less remunerative than our catering but it did not

DAILY POEM

Llantysilio, overgrown

By Steve Griffiths

Under the rush of caravans on the Holyhead road and the thwack in the wind of the campers' polythene streaming and the hum of the scale-model traffic on the miraculous bridges with realistic water below, Tysilio's island hugs its cemetery to itself.

The graves are decked individually as if each decomposition had its flow on dark slate, violet; the spindrift of the disappointed lips cast from the cheekbone; and these delicate heavenly ones, nodding at the mild Sunday air after a lifetime stamped in the gasping furrow.

lances the wind on a thousand tiny fronts for the unremembered improviser of hovels, for tillers and singers, the little stone-skimmers: a voice secreted over the mouths stained with their own juices in their made beds.

The Seren Press was established in the early 1980s by Cary Archard, with the help and encouragement of Dannie Abse, to give voice to English-language writers in Wales. Since then it has published the work of more than 40 poets, including RS Thomas, Glyn Jones, Duncan Bush and Sheenagh Pugh and has nurtured into being a recognisable "third generation" of Anglo-Welsh writers. Steve Griffiths's poetry appears in Burning the Bracken, a 15th-anniversary issue of Seren poetry and the Bracken. ry edited by Amy Wack.



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Lottery cash 'to fund arts deficit'

DAVID LISTER

Lottery money may be used to pay off the deficits of theatre and opera companies, in a striking reverse of government policy. A consultative document entitled New Lottery Programmes, to be issued by the Arts Council, confirms that from next April lottery money for the arts will cease to be spent solely on buildings and equipment. In addition, it will be used to fund "commissions for new work, access to and participation in the arts and enhancing the creative abilities of young people in particular". Pilot chemes begin in September. In the introduction to the

document, Lord Gowrie, the Arts Council's chairman, describes the move to funding creative activity from the lottery as "probably the most significant change in the funding of the arts in Britain since the Arts Council was founded 50 years ago".

The changes from the au-tumn may be more profound still. It is understood that the

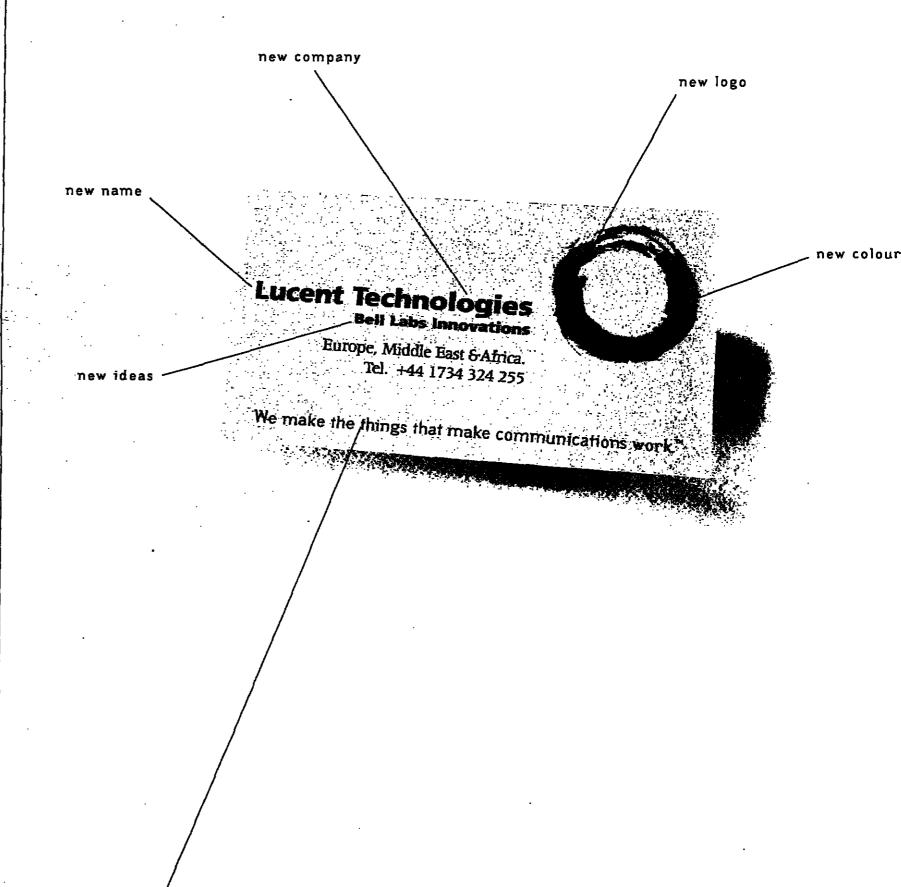
Arts Council, in distributing lottery money, will also consider allowing companies to use lottery funds to pay off their deficits. In the past both the Treasury and succeeding ministers responsible for the arts have refused to countenance giving special grants to pay off deficits, as it could encourage

profligacy.
But senior Arts Council officers believe companies spend inordinate amounts of time planning how to reduce their deficits; and if they were paid off in one dramatic gesture, the time could be more valuably spent planning artistic events.

In the consultative docu-ment, this scheme is described in slightly oblique terms as a "stabilisation programme".

Lottery money is also likely to be used to ensure that all new arts buildings over a certain size have integrated broadcasting facilities and money will be channelled into British films with the emphasis on creating new distribution networks.

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Beef crisis: French scientists reveal results of monkey tests

BSE link with brain disease 'strengthened'

MARY DEJEVSKY and CHARLES ARTHUR

An experiment in which French scientists passed BSE to monkeys offers the strongest evidence yet that the disease caused 11 recent cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) in young Britons, according to a leading British researcher.

Dr James Ironside, of the CJD Surveillance Unit in Edinburgh, said that the results of the rescarch - in which three macaque monkeys became ill after the BSE agent was injected into their brains - "strengthens the hypothesis" that there is a direct link between exposure to material infected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy

(BSE) and the fatal brain disorder CID.

The possibility of a link was first raised officially by Dr Ironside and his colleagues at the unit last March, after they identified an unusual variant of CJD which had affected 11 people under 42 in the past two years. The more common form of the disease usually affects people over 60. According to the French researchers, three years after the injection all three monkeys began to behave unusually, showing anxiety, nervousness and depression - the same symptoms as were identified in the 11 British CJD cases.

Macaques are the closest relative to man that BSE has been passed to experimentally, although the disease has previ-

ously been passed to other monkeys. The French re-searchers said the experiment is "the first experimental evidence supporting a link be-tween BSE and the new form

of CJD in man. Dr Ironside said that his examination of the monkeys' brains showed a number of changes which matched those in humans with the new CJD variant. "It is not absolutely identical. But it's interesting, and potentially important." He added, however, that the re-search "doesn't prove the link".

His comment was echoed by the French scientists, who took the unusual step of holding a press conference about their

their paper, due in a fortnight in the science journal Nature. Nature called their decision "highly regrettable" but said it

would not postpone publication. The scientists' decision to announce their results early may have been precipitated by the revelation yesterday that British companies had sold French farmers thousands of tons of animal feed that may have been its sale was banned in Britain

Dr Ironside said that further research was required before a definite link can be demonstrated between the new CJD variant and BSE. But this may take up to 18 months to emerge through experiments now being

Binding deal is forlorn hope

SARAH HELM Brussels and JOHN LICHFIELD

Hopes of avoiding a bitter and damaging confrontation over beef at the European Union summit in Florence next week appeared to be fading last night.
A revised British five-point

plan to solve the dispute will be discussed by EU veterinary experts in Brussels today. But officials said there was little chance of agreement on the detailed and virtually binding framework demanded by Britain for the gradual lifting of the ban on beef exports from the United Kingdom. The only hope of an agreement before Florence was a vague statement of intent, which could leave much of the ban in place for many months, even years.

The Government long ago abandoned hopes of achieving a specific timetable for lifting the ban in time for next Friday and Saturday's summit. Yesterday, officials conceded that even hopes of securing a general frame-work for a phased lifting were now fading. As long as "elements of a deal are there at Florence". solution plan but you see what encephalopathy (BSE) after it

The British plan to resolve the BSE dispute

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the deal itself could be concluded later, a British source said.

In the meantime, there was no question of Britain abandoning its wholesale blocking of EU business. In these circumstances, the summit itself looks increasingly likely to fall victim to British "disruption".

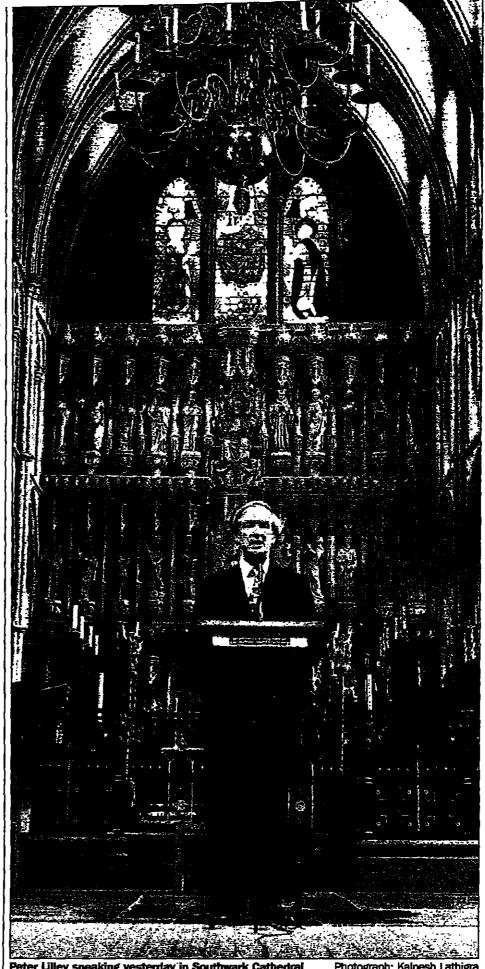
The Italian Prime Minister, Romano Prodi, who will chair the summit, had talks with John Major in Downing Street yesterday. Afterwards he said they had made "good progress", adding: "You approach the moment in which you don't see the

"We are making progress, but

we are not there yet. There is a wide divergence of opinion on what form a framework settlement might take. Britain wants something virtually binding on other coun-tries. Officials from several other governments say the most Mr Major can expect is a vague "piece of paper". Even that may be in doubt, given French outrage at the revelation that Britain had stepped up sales to France of animal feed contaminated with bovine spongiform

was banned in the UK in 1988. Britain is asking the other governments to agree to a process which would leave the ultimate power to peel away the ban with the European Commission. Once they had agreed the "framework" in five steps, it would be up to the commission to decide when Britain had met the requirements to trigger each stage. It would take a ma-jority of members to reject the commission's advice. There is an immense irony in

the Government's position, which is, in effect, Euro-federalist. It would give power to the commission to impose a settlement over the heads of individual member states. "When the commission is satisfied that a scientific basis exists for lifting another part of the ban it is imperative that a few member states should not be able to block it for national political reasons," Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, explained to the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee on Wednesday. Is this, Brussels might ask, the approach Britain will be content to adopt with all future



Lilley says more spent on disabled

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, vesterday pledged the Conservative commitment to help people in need and said more was being spent on the disabled and pensioners.

He reclaimed the moral high ground in the debate on low incomes, opportunity and welfare reform in a speech in Southwark Cathedral and said Tory policies offered the best help to people in need. He referred to a study showing that those who started with the lowest pay had seen the fastest rise in carnings under the Tories over the past 15 years. And he attacked Labour's "dangerous preoccupation with

Rejecting the view that there was a growing cross-party con-sensus on welfare reform, he said: "We have a duty to help those unable to help themselves. But there remains a sharp divide between the parties in our approach to these issues, our analysis, and our policies for tackling need."

Mr Lilley said the free market was essentially positive and should not be an object of hostility. "The obligation of a government which believes in the free market is to help the helpless and enable the able."

Mr Lilley pointed out that avcrage incomes in Britain had risen not just compared to 1979 but in comparison to the position elsewhere in Europe.

"The vast majority of people in this country are better off now than their counterparts were in 1979. And far from falling behind other countries, the living standards of ordinary British people have been rising faster."
Chris Smith, Labour's social

security spokesman, later attacked what he called the Government's "complete lack of new ideas for welfare reform". He said: "Peter Lilley's promised vision for the future

of the welfare state is nothing

more than a bankrupt justification for his failures of the past. "This speech reveals just how lacking in new ideas this government is when it comes to tackling the long overdue re-form of the welfare state. Not only did Mr Lilley fail to address the future of the welfare state, many of his remarks show a complete divorce from current

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Gaza fears the vengeance of Netanyahu

PATRICK COCKBURN

In Gaza, the autonomous but beleaguered Palestinian enclave, officials express deep anxiety about the intentions of the incoming Israeli govern-ment, Hassan Assour, director general of the Palestinian Liberation Organisation team negotiating with Israel, says. "If they do not respect the Oslo accords then they will open the door to violence."

The most optimistic school of thought among Palestinian leaders holds that there is not much difference between a Labour and a Likud government. "Their motto is that a cat is a cat whether it is black or white," says a senior western diplomat. "They mean that Israeli governments behave the same towards Palestinians what-

ever party they belong to."

But the whole strategy of Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, was based on the belief that it matters a lot who holds power in Israel. He did everything he could to get Shimon Peres, the architect of the Oslo accords, re-elected on 29 May. We used to negotiate with friends and now we must negotiate with enemies," says one of Mr Arafat's senior lieutenants.

A crisis in relations between Mr Arafat and Binyamin "Bibi" Netanyahu could come quickly. Mr Netanyahu won the election because he promised Israeli voters more security for themselves and fewer concessions to Palestinians. No sooner was he elected, however, than Ami Ayalon, the head of the Shin Bet Israeli security agency, told him that "a good part of the Shin Bet's recent accomplishments were based on co-operation with the Palestinian security services."

The meeting between Mr Ayalon and Mr Netanyahu was leaked to Zeev Schiff, columnist for the daily *Ha'aretz*, presumably by sources in the Shin Bet. It is important because it clearly states the Shin Bet view that Mr Arafat's support is essential to fight Hamas and Islamic JiIsrael "are not fulfilled and are amrollered by us".

But does Mr Netanyahu dare

to carry through the Oslo accords? He has promised that he will make no concessions on Jerusalem, Palestinian statehood or the right of Israelis to settle in the West Bank. He says he does not want to meet Mr Arafat. The strength of the religious right in his coalition gives him little room for manocuvre. He has little to offer the Palestinians as an incentive to work with Israeli security to prevent another suicide bomb. The only area where Mr Netanyahu might offer concessions is in allowing Palestinians to work in Israel. Terje Larsen, the special co-ordinator for aid to Gaza and the West Bank, says Mr Arafat "will be able to pay salaries for June but not for July . Every 10,000 Palestinians allowed to work in Israel produces \$25m (£16m) in revenue for Mr Arafat's Palestinian Authority. By letting 150,000 Palestinians into Israel, Mr

It is doubtful if the new govemment will do anything so radical. "Some Palestinians believe that Liknd will lift the closure of Gaza," says Mr Asfour. "I have no such feeling." There is no evidence that not allowing Palestinian workers legally into Israel deters suicide bombers, none of whom had permission to be in Israel when they blew themselves up. But the closure makes Israelis feel more secure and is therefore likely to stay in place.

the West Bank.

Not everybody in Gaza is so gloomy. Mahmoud Zahar, okesman for Hamas, says that his organisation does not care if Likud or Labour wins the election. He is presumably calculating that Mr Arafat will have to relax his grip on Hamas. Mr Zahar says: "We did not expect Peres to win. He is a man of many failures. He is known as a man who hesitates."

Mr Zahar does not respond directly to the suggestion that

failure at the polls. He does say, however, that when Mr Peres gave his consent to the assassination of Yahyah Ayyash, the chief bomb maker of Hamas, in January he "knew that Ayyash would be avenged".

is there any way out of Mr Netanyahu's dilemma? He is in no position to provide Israelis with greater personal security without the co-operation of Mi Arafat. But even the marginal contacts between his aides and Palestinian leaders have created anger on the right. For the moment Mr Netanyahu looks confident and in control. He appears to have rejected the idea of a national unity government with the defeated Labour party. But perhaps he and other Israelis should be concerned that the only Pales-tinians pleased by his victory



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before works to widen a road. Few such mosaics have survived intact; the 18m by 10m design shows animals and their prey in vivid colours and, 1,600 years ago, would have covered the floor of a villa on the Gaza-Damascus trade route Photograph: David Silverman/Reute

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Colombia's president tree excepted charges of taking Cmillions of dollars of cocame proceeds from the Calicard during his 1994 election campaign. Extests Sample, was cleared by the country's parliament and the move means means he will not be impeached and as free to complete two more years of his term. Widespread outrage must the decision, however, suggests he is in for a nontripulation of the farce of the century and promised strikes and and the farce of the century and promised strikes and and the farce of the century.

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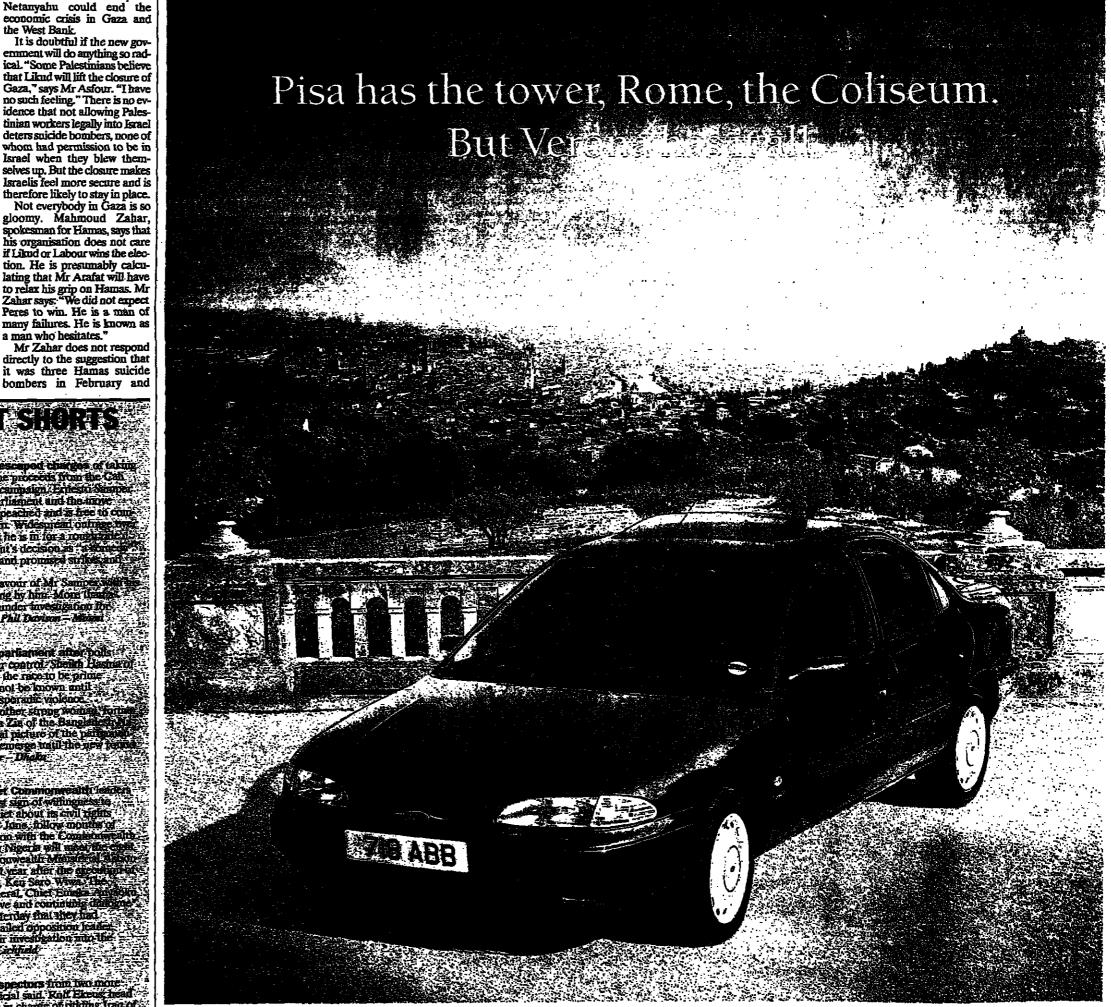
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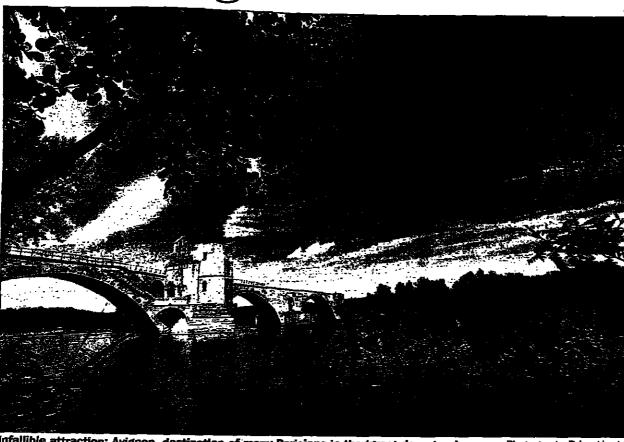
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Infallible attraction: Avignon, destination of many Parisians in the 'great departure'

Paris - It's that time of year again: summer is in the air and the "great departure" is almost upon us, when the citovens of Paris pile themselves, their children and their dogs into the family car and set off, hell for leather, down the motorway to seek the sun and the sea or the

As always, the police warn of the dangers they face: stagger your departure, they will say, stop for a rest every two hours, don't drink alcohol and, above all, avoid the A6, the "motor-way to the sun", which is the city's high-speed high-risk conduit to the Midi, except when it is jammed.

The authorities have done their best to encourage other routes: they signpost myriad al-ternatives along France's equivalent of A roads, they have completed a motorway out of Paris to the south-east, the A5, which links with the A6 farther south and they plan a similar road to the south-west. A motorway due south, the A75, is also finished bar the last stretch from the Cévennes to the sea.

Yet Parisians stubbornly prefer the A6 and I have a confession: I do too. It is not just straighter and wider than the alternatives but it supplies a conMOTORWAY DAYS

stant revelation of the geogra- mellow stone capital of the phy and regional diversity of France, offering an ever-chang-ing backdrop that speeds the transition from butter-eating north to the olive-oil-drenched south and back again.

No sooner have you tired of the environs of Paris, its hy-permarkets, suburban estates and low-thing planes from Orly, than you are approaching the dark layered forest of Fontainebleau. As the forest grows sparse, you are already skirting the Chablis and entering the woods and fields of Burgundy, where hillboards proudly illustrate the white Charollais beef cows that graze peaceably in the meadows and prepare for

From the higher ground of Burgundy a panorama opens out of the Morvan, a wild landscape of pastel colours and fierce weather. Past the mediacval market centre of Auxerre, the holy city and pilgrimage cen-tre of Vézelay appears on the signposts. The forests are now

fir: this is where Parisians get their Christmas trees. Once the turning to Dijon, gnon, city of the popes. The

vines sweep to the toad; the pines are of the Mediterranean umbrella variety, the stone is golden and the roofs are all Before Avignon, the motor-way divides, and so do France's Burgundian dukes is past, the houses are sleeker and lower. Slate roofs give way to red tiles, hay and kale to vines. The

rounded hills of Beaujolais rise

to the west and the signs sug-

con, Fleurie, Julienas ... Almost before you have time

to overtake another lorry, you

are on the threshold of Lyons,

capital of Roman Gaul. Here.

Parisians distinguish themselves

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nels that run beneath the city

centre and emerge across the

blue-grey Rhône. So what, if we

are caught once or twice in a jam? You feel you are passing

a great city and heading ever

From Lyons, the Rhône is al-

ways alongside; the names on the signboards are already lyri-

cal, evoking the delights of the

Midi: Vienne, Valence, Mon-

telimar, Orange and finally Avi-

Having chosen the A6, they

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gest a vintner's catalogue: Ma-

sun-seekers: to the east are the traditional and highly concentrated holiday grounds of the Côte d'Azur, to the right, the guieter, more rustic resorts of Languedoc-Roussillon, and the road to Spain.

Perhaps it is the visual distractions, perhaps a sense of purposeful solidarity that the Ao fosters, but the driving rarely seems as aggressive or hare-brained as on the "N" roads. French lorries seem more paway, a long loop that seems to tient, French cars fast, but generally civil. Trouble, if it comes. invariably originates with a Spanish or Belgian number

> And the A6 seems to appreciate its Parisions. To those reaching the end of their long journey north, it offers a small white sign with a line drawing of the Eiffel Tower and "50km" marked underneath. "Welcome back, Parisians," it is saying in a reserved French way, "you're

> > Mary Deievsky

Democracy hurts for Europe's new jobless

ADRIAN BRIDGE

Central Europe Correspondent

A banner held aloft by striking workers in the Polish city of Gdansk yesterday bore the simple slogan: "Commies. hands off the shipyard!"

It was a neat encapsulation of the irony of the situation. On the one hand, the strikers, under the umbrella of the Solidarity trade union, were claiming that the decision to close the vard was politically motivated: the latest dastardly deed of a government now made up of the successors to the old Communist Party.

At the same time, despite the "hands-off" slogan, the pro-testers, who called off their strike yesterday, are calling on the same government to bale the shipyard out of trouble.

The irony has not been lost on Poland's rulers, who have pointed out gleefully that the Gdansk workers are simply falling victim to the market forces they unleashed.

Indeed, as the Polish Prime Minister Włodzimierz Cimo szewicz himself put it:: "[Solidarity] wants the government to take money out of its pocket to save the shipyard. They do not seem to have noticed that some-thing has changed in Poland."

Last weekend's decision to

extent to which the economies 4.5 per cent, and now already of Poland and the other former Eastern bloc countries have had to adapt since 1989.

Under the old Comecon system, the Gdansk shipyard was one of the main producers of ships for the former Soviet Union. Similarly, the Bulgarians specialised in fork-lift trucks; the Slovaks produced tanks and Hungarians made buses. In return they received raw materials and energy supplies.

But when communism collapsed so, too, did the old way of doing business. "The Comecon market was totally artificial," says Henryka Bochniarz, head of the Warsaw-based Nicom consultancy firm and a former minister. "Goods were produced en masse for guaranteed markets with no regard for quality. But when those markets disappeared, nobody wanted to buy them."

the aftermath of the change, most east European countries suffered dramatic falls in productivity, with slumps in gross domestic product averaging 15 to 20 per cent. Although lagging a little behind, unemployment rose soon afterwards: at its worst reaching more than 16 per cent in Poland and Slovakia and almost 14 per cent in Hungary. The Czech Republic has survived relforce the shipyard to file for atively unscathed, with unembankruptcy underlines the ployment at its worst reaching

down to just 2.7 per cent.

For those thrown out of work, the reaction has been one of incomprehension - and bitterness. "As far as I am concerned. life has only got worse under democracy," said Edit Baranyai, a former cierk in a Hungarian textile factory that shut down in 1993. Ordinary people like me have simply become poorer and weaker.

Like many Hungarians, Mrs Baranyai expressed her anger by helping to ensure victory for the former communists in the 1994 elections. Almost every other country in the region has witnessed a political backlash against the centre-right parties that were responsible for introducing market reforms. But while many feel they

who feel they have gained. Eva Kulikova, the owner of coffee shop next to the Charles Bridge in Prague, is one of millions who have seized the new opportunities. "Under the old regime, I would never have

have lost out, there are plenty

been able to set up my own business," she said. "Now people like me who are prepared to work had can reach a good stan-Prague is pethaps the best example in the region of where the future is already working. With millions of tourists visiting each

dergo an enormous expansion of commercial activity.

The main growth area in the Czech Republic has been in the service sectors: shops, banks, plumbers and the hundreds of small-scale enterprises that were stifled during the communist era.

According to the central statistics office, while 19 per cent of the country's gross domestic product was generated by the service sector in 1990, the corresponding figure for 1995 was 29 per cent.

In the old days it was impossible to find a taxi in the street or a decorator to come and do up your home," said 1stvan Racz, a regional specialist for CS First Boston Bank in Budapest. "Now we only have to look in the Yellow Pages."

In Hungary, where the workforce is just under 4 million, there are now estimated to be close to a million small entrepreneurs. But in addition to services, the country has also experienced expansion in pharmaceuticals and light industry.

"For people in work, jobs have become more demanding. but salaries have improved. said Mr Racz. "Skilled people are finding their way in the new society. But the difference between rich and poor has become much more striking. Politically it would never have year, the city was bound to unbeen tolerated 30 years ago."

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Montana Freemen close to deal

TIM CORNWELL Los Angeles

was symbolically lowered vesterday at the Freemen ranch in eastern Montana, amid rising hopes of an imminent surrender. But five minutes later, to the consternation of reporters squinting through binoculars. another unidentified flag was

hoisted up.
What FBI agents had confidently predicted would be the last day of the longest siege in

US law enforcement history began with a morning of confusion. Media crews, kept more The American flag, flown defi-antly upside down for 81 days, to interpret the movements of people and cars shuttling between the ranch and FBI checkpoints.

For the first time, it was reported, two FBI vehicles were allowed to enter the compound. "The agreement is moving for-ward," an FBI source said, after the Freemen had reportedly agreed to give up.

But the eccentric nature of the stand-off from start to fin-

ish, and a series of earlier abort-ed deals, left no one certain that the 16 people left inside would finally walk out. On 25 March the FBI

arrested two leaders of the Freemen in a sting operation. For nearly three months the bureau has been playing cat and mouse with those left inside. determined to avoid a shooting match with people who, though heavily armed, were only accused of white-collar crimes. The Freemen say the US Government is unconstitutional; they concoct courts and banks

The key to yesterday's planned surrender was a deal for the Freemen to hand over alleged evidence of government misdoings to a third party for safekeeping. Members of the Cause Foundation, a legal group with close associations with far right activists, were acting as intermediaries.

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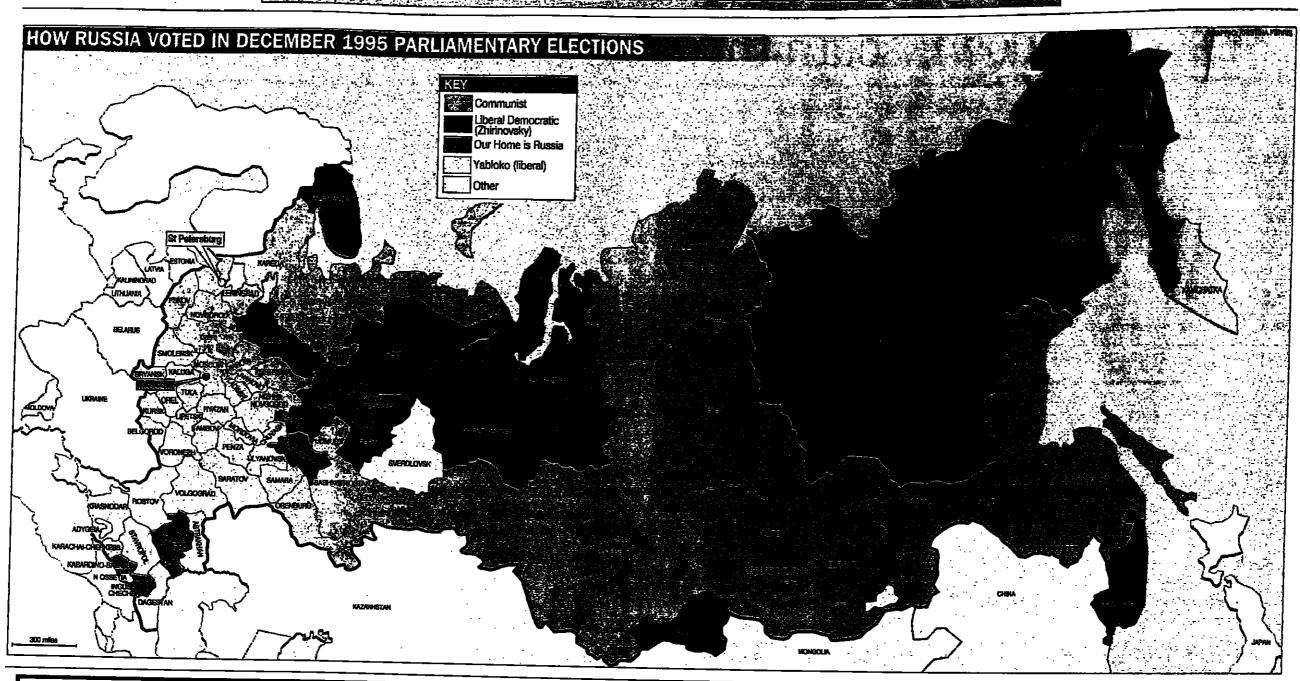
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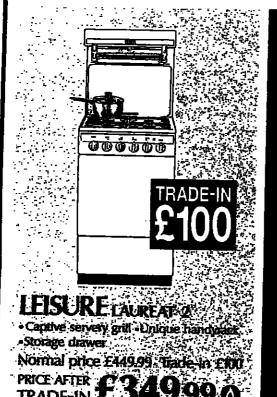
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Will the map turn red on Sunday?

PHIL REEVES

Russian officials were yesterday completing preparations for the first presidential election since their country became an independent nation. Quite apart from the political issues at stake are momentous - the scale of the event is of mind-

electorate, from reindeer herdsmen in the remotest reaches of the Arctic (some of whom have already voted, so far flung are their homes), to the chic urbanites of St Petersburg, will vote in 95,000 stations, spread across 11 time zones.

Although there are 10 candidates, the issue to be resolved is whether Boris Yeltsin will remain in the Kremlin for a second term, or whether the hugely powerful President's office will pass to Gennady Zyuganov, the Communist leader. Both are expected to emerge from Sunday's contest with enough votes to place them in a two-horse runoff next month. Neither will win the 50 per cent needed for out-right victory.

Concern about fraud is such involving several hundred thou-sand people. The Yeltsin camp is also discussing similar mea-sures. And there will be hundreds of international and other independent observers.
Technically, rigging the baliot should be impossible. The

law allows observers to watch every stage of the voting process. They can inspect vot-er lists, and are entitled to er lists, and are enumer to copies of the results protocols as they are passed from local to territorial election commissions, and then on to the Central Election Commission (CEC) in Moscow. This enables the contenders to conduct what amounts to a parallel count which the Communists intend to do. But this is a complex, labour-intensive operation; there are strong doubts over whether they can pull it off.

In reality, some voting stations seem certain to go ummonitored, opening the way for a certain amount of faisification, either by pro-Yeltsin officials (who tend to occupy top regional jobs) or by the Communists (who control more than 20 per certain of least more than 30 per cent of local election commissions). Add to this the fact that regional pow-er-brokers think little of apply-ing pressure to those under their sway beforehand—the president of one republic has publicly guaranteed Mr Yeltsin 99 per cent of his population's support

and the process looks murky.

Although the CEC has 15 days to complete counting, the general picture will probably be

clear by Monday. The first results from the far east are expected on Sunday night, but they are unlikely to be a reliable guide to the outcome. The region includes sweeps of near empty landscape and has a reputation for maverick voting.

For the election to be valid there must be a turn-out of at least 50 per cent. Surveys sugboggling proportions. gest it will be above the 63 per cent who voted in December's parliamentary poll. A high turnout is critical to Mr Yeltsin. The Communist bloc's 20 to 25 million core voters will vote, come what may. The President's support con-

tains many more waverers. Two hurdles stand in their way. It is a summer weekend, when city dwellers, especially in pro-reform Moscow, head for their country cottages. And there is a Euro 96 football match between Russia and Germany.

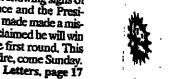
So where will the election be decided? Russia's electoral history is so short that there is not enough data to draw many re-liable conclusions by studying past form. That said, the Com-munists are strongest in the rural areas, particularly the southern "red belt". They tend that the Communists claim to be planning to send observers to exceptions, like Smolensk and Pskov, which the Yeltsin camp admits it has no chance of winon the cities of St Petersburg and Moscow, plus loyalist re-publics like Tatarstan and Kalmyk.

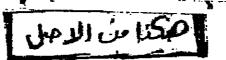
The Yeltsin campaign has high hopes of winning in a number of other areas which voted Communist six months ago, for instance, Nizhny Nov-gorod, Yaroslavi, Chelyabinsk and the regions of Moscow and Leningrad (the city of St Pe-tersburg changed its name; the region has not). They also expect to take several others where the vote was fairly evenly spread, including Murmansk and Sverdlovsk.

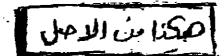
Any sign that Mr Yeltsin has made progress in the Communist strongholds like Kemerovo (where 48 per cent voted Communist in December), Amur, Ulyanovsk, Kaluga, Oryol, and the Adygei Republic will be greeted with delight by the Kremlin. But there is potential for the unexpected. The lowly standing of the ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky in the polls is probably deceptive; in the past he has done far better than predicted; he is mounting a lastminute campaign, and could casily come third. The Yeltsin team has been showing signs of over-confidence and the President may have made made a mistake when he claimed he will win outright in the first round. This could all backfire, come Sunday.

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AN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Zhirinovsky meets match in Vulgar Vlad

HELEN WOMACK

Although there have been a few lapses, like the day this week when he appeared before the press wearing a canary-yellow Mao suit, the Russian nationalist Vladimir Zhicinovsky has conducted his campaign for president with relative taste and moderation.

It is generally agreed the cap and bells have now passed to a new jester of Russian politics, an astonishingly vulgar self-made millionaire called Vladimir Bryntsalov.

He still has a lot to learn from the master. While Mr Zhirinovsky sits stony-faced, allowing his audiences to roar with shocked laughter at his pronouncements, Mr Bryntsalov laughs at his own jokes, brays in fact. "Money is mankind's greatest invention, ha, ha, ha."

But of the also-rans of the election, Mr Bryntsalov, 49, has managed to get noticed. Even i he only gets 1 per cent of the ote, as polls predict, he has become a nationally known



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future in politics. He has been helped by his sexy young wife Natasha: "My second wife but not my last. Ha, ha, ha!" He is reported to pay her \$18,000 (£12,000) a month for houseeping and "keeping up the

family image".

She has followed him everywhere on his election trips. On the road to St Petersburg she was filmed by the side of the Bryntsalov motorcade, coyly picking wild flowers. Another time she dropped her trousers

for the cameras while her husband smacked her bottom. The now-famous bottom has launched a new political career.

Backside apart, what are Mr Bryntsalov's policies? This is harder to say, for he seems mostly interested in flaunting his wealth. Dubbed by some the Ross Perot of Russian politics, he can perhaps be described as a nationalist capitalist. Elected to the State Duma in December, he sits with the rationalists. ber, he sits with the nationalists and Communists. But he is far from Communist where economics are concerned. Voters are asked to believe that, because he founded a company with an annual turnover of three trillion roubles (£400m),

lion people.

He claims to have come from humble stock in the Stavropol region of southern Russia. In 1979 he was expelled from the Communist Party for revealing "petty-bourgeois tendencies" by building himself a three-storey house. But he flourished in the perestroika era, setting up a bee-keeping co-operative that earned him \$800,000, with

he can run a country of 150 mil-

which he bought the Soviet Kirov Pharmaceutical Factory in Moscow, turning it into a market leader called Ferane. He is said to pay \$800 a month, a generous wage by Russian stan-dards, to his 15,000 workers.

But there is another side to Mr Bryntsalov, nicknamed Moonshiner by his colleagues in parliament. He also produces vodka: bottles with his rugged face on the label are on sale in kiosks all over Moscow.

Much of his money has evi-dently come from this business as he has taken advantage of tax breaks given to companies in the health sector. The Moscow tax police say he owes 40bn roubles

He has an interesting past, too. He carries a gun and brags that when he was starting out, he had to fight off protection racketeers. Their bones have long been rotting in Moscow's forests," he claimed recently. A natural showman, he has grasped that you need a big mouth for politics. But if he wishes to achieve respectability, on some subjects he might be advised to keep it shut.



Down and out: A homeless woman in St Petersburg. Poverty is a big issue in the poll

Photograph: Reuter

Contract killer assassinates another mayor

Moscow, already rattled by a bomb on the Metro system which killed four, yesterday discovered that one of its suburban mayors had been shot dead by a contract assassin, only three days before the presi-

President Foris Yeltsin de-scribed the killing of Viktor Mosolov, the second such official to be murdered in 10 days, as a "terrorist a:t" aimed at intimidating voters before Sunday's vote. But the police ruled

out a political motive.

His death, which follows a bomb attack on the runningmate of Moscow's mayor, has added to the pre-election jitters and led police to step up secu-rity markedly. Scores of lorries were being held up for searches on the roads into the capital.

Mr Yeltsin's response owes much to his desire to present bility in the closing stages of his campaign. He wastes no opportunity to depict his Comrival, Gennady Zyugano, as a man surrounded by damerous revolutionaries, despte Mr Zyuganov's efforts to stablish his credentials as a piogressive, moderate

its symbolism: it was stormed by the Bolsheviks at the start of the 1917 revolution. "On June 16, you will decide Russia's fate for many years ahead," Yeltsin told thousands of cheering young people, "The revolution start-ed here in St Petersburg but Russia does not need any more revolutions.

But Mr Zyuganov also turned the metro bombing and the mayor's murder to political ends, by blaming government ngsterism and violence. "Ún fortunately we pay for these policies with someone's blood every day," he said. Mi Zyuganov, a usually lacklustre figure who heads of the Communist-nationalist coalition, said that he had "practically won" Sunday's elections, and dismissed two polls giving Mr Yeltsin a 10-point lead.

Today Mr Yeltsin moves to his home town, Eksterinburg, for a grand finale to his campaign

As he does so, the attention of some analysts is beginning to drift to the fortunes of Alexander Lebed, a pro-reform candidate who appears to be receiving discreet backing from the Kremlin on the grounds that he could take votes from the Communists. Speculation is growing that the popular retired general will form an alliance with Mr Yeltsin after the elec-

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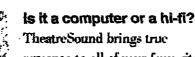
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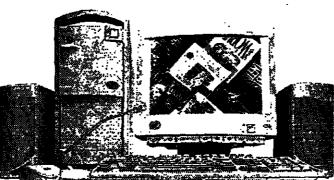
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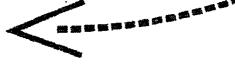
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Tibet plunges Bonn into row with China

IMRE KARACS

Germany fell off its tightrope vesterday, after repeated attempts to do lucrative business in China, on the one hand, while proclaiming itself to be the conscience of the world, on

the other. Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, suffered a series of clique humiliations during the course of the day. In the morning, China closed down the Peking office of a political foundation run by his own party, the Free Democrats. In the afternoon he was attacked by German MPs for his wimpish response: one Green MP accused the Foreign Minister of "kow-towing to a

dictatorial regime".

By the evening Mr Kinkel was piggy in the middle, in a row that s threatening to unravel German attempts to project an independent foreign policy in the delegation's agenda. economically dynamic region. Chinese ire was provoked by the Dalai Lama's plan to hold

the second World Congress of

Tibetan Exiles in Bonn this

weekend. Although the German

from the event, the Congress is being organised by the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, an influential think-tank headed by the former Economics Minister and respected Free Democrat, Count Otto Lambsdorff.

In closing down the Founda-tion's office. Peking accused it of supporting the "Dalai Lama

Indirectly, the charge could also be levelled at the German government, which has been strenuously cultivating links with the Chinese government in the hope of gaining fat contracts for its industry. Earlier this year, Chancellor Helmut Kohl led a 100-strong trade delega-tion to China, during which he appeared to absolve the regime of the crimes of Tiananmen Square by meeting generals of the Chinese People's Army. Arms sales were high on the

The twin-track approach of making money in the Far East while paying lip service to human rights in the region finalbefore Peking's intervention

government distanced itself yesterday, opposition MPs had supports the demand of from the event, the Congress is planned a motion calling for Tibetans for cultural and reliplanned a motion calling for state support for the Congress through the Foundation, which receives some of its money from one of the parties in the governing coalition. The motion was defeated, but another, crit-

> violations, is on the way. Fairly innocuous in its wording, the motion due to be tabled next week is explosive in substance. The text was drafted not only by opposition politicians, but also MPs from the coalition parties, and somehow got the approval of a Christian Democrat whip. There were dark hints circulating in Bonn yes-terday that if that motion were approved, Mr Kinkel would have no choice but to resign.

The Foreign Minister tried to escape the gathering storm by instructing his office late in the day to call in the Chinese amsador for a dressing-down. The German government regarded the closure of the

Foundation office as an "inappropriate reaction", Mr Kinkel explained in a statement. The federal government

gious autonomy," the statement went on. "Tibetans have a verifiable traditional historical right for autonomy." The pundits wondered

whether this heralded a change icising Chinese human rights of government policy. Alas, we are still in lip-service territory. The statement explains that Germany recognises Tibet is part of China, and could not recognise the Dalai Lama as anything but a figurehead.

Rather than dousing the flames, Mr Kinkel's belated response is likely to pour more oil on the fire. Tensions between China and Germany are bound to rise throughout the duration of the Congress, although the Dalai Lama can be excused for

> So far, he has made no complaint about German hospitality. He is being looked after by Petra Roth, the Mayor of Frankfurt, and a prominent politician in Mr Kohl's Christian Democratic party. But don't tell Mr Kohl - he

wondering what all the

fuss is about.

Three die as Indonesian jet skids off runway



Lethal blaze: Black smoke rises from the tall section of a Garuda Indonesian Airways DC-10 after it skiddel into a field at Fukuoka airport in Japan and burst into flames; all but three of the 275 on board escaped Photograph: AP

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Japan turns its back on man who won over the world

Richard Lloyd Parry on the lapid rise and fall of reformer Ichiro Dzawa

largest economy and many of its biggest and most successful companies but, throughout its modern history, it has lacked one commodity essential to countries intent on wielding true global power and influence; distinctive and charismatic politicians.

When world leaders gather for difficult years. Two national distheir global think-ins, such as the asters - the Kobe earthquake and G7 Summit in Lyons at the end the Tokyo subway nerve gas sent of the Japanese count as reaucratic and governmental much as any. Outside the con-scandals, have been met with ference rooms and diplomatic huddles, however, they are eclipsed: when the Bills, Jacques and Helmuts line up for their group photograph, it is the Japanese Prime Minister who always seems to wind up at the end, wearing the lost smile of one who

wishes he was somewhere else. This is what, until recently at least, made Ichiro Ozawa so different. Since the publication two years ago of his much translated book, Blueprint For A New Japan, he has been feted all over the world as a new style of Japanese politician, a debater and confrontationalist who can deal with his foreign peers on equal terms.

Ozawa's ambition to turn Japan into a "normal country", with a transparent political sys-tem, capable of taking its global responsibilities as a peaceful but active military power, have won him the respect of politicians all over the world.

This week he has been in London, with eight young mem-bers of Shinshinto, the "New Frontier Party", of which he is leader. He has spoken with Tony Blair, leader of the Labour Party, the Prime Minister, John Major, and his deputy, Michael

To British politicians, Oza-wa's glossy sheen has plamly not worn off. In Japan, however, things look very different. At home he is looking increasing-ly like yesterday's man; all his brave ideas about international responsibility and reform of the stagnant political system cannot disguise the fact that he has singularly failed to cut it as

a domestic politician.

For a while it looked as if he might just have pulled it off. Three years ago Japanese politics underwent its greatest shake-up since the Second World War when the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) lost its majority in the Diet after 38 years of unbroken power.

Despite remaining the biggest single force, the LDP was replaced in government by a coalition of small new parties. Their principal policy was reform of the political system, in particular the "iron triangle" of Diet members, businessmen and, above all, the unelected bureaucracy. Their chief ideologue and driving force vas Mr Ozzwa.

But within weeks, the coalition was in trouble, bogged down in scandal and internal feuding. One of its promises -

Tokyo — Japan may possess the — squeaked through the Dict but world's richest banks, its second in the summer of 1993, Mr Ozawa's reformers were ousted from power is an extraordinary marriage between the LDP and the Social Democratic Party.

This creally alliance between conservatives and former socialists, now led by Ryutaro Hashimoto, has endured three blithering indecision by the government, but Mr Ozava's party has singularly failed to exploit the



to alienate all sides

situation. Shimpinto's support ratings are stulk at low levels; younger party sembers are now talking openly about breaking away to form new New Party. Few believ that the present arrangement/can survive the

next electionslikely to be called for next January. There are even rumours the Ozawa will step down as Shishinto leader, perhaps even after the present Diet session which ends next week.

These, prhaps unfairly, have been fuelled by his trip to London. The Simshinto leader has suffered it least are his

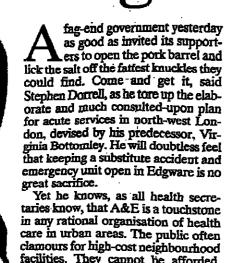
suffered it least one heart attack, and the whispers have it that he vists Britain not only to call on politicians, but also to see a heart specialist. Meaningful change can only

be brought about from inside by one on intimate terms with the very pover brokers whose row-er he would dismantle. For all his fresh ideas, Mr Ozawa i the consummate operator - before leaving the LDP he was a smior member of Japan's biggest and most corrupt, political faction. Backipoin deals and arm wisting are his speciality; no J panese election, after all, can be fought without the finncial backing of rich businessien.

Mr Ozawa's biggest failte has been in finding a new plitical method to match his reprinist language. So far he he succeeded in alicnating all ides both the voters and yunger politicians to whom if once seemed a breath of freshir, and the old guard who still take up the majority of the Die Three years ago, Mr Ozawa loced like a new political species Now he resembles an awkwardnybrid reform of the electoral system of an old political dinaur.

the leader page

A government reduced to pork scratchings



taries know, that A&E is a touchstone in any rational organisation of health care in urban areas. The public often clamours for high-cost neighbourhood facilities. They cannot be afforded and that means hard decisions have to be made that appear to favour one location over another. Mr Dorrell's predecessor made a hard decision; he has changed his mind and given no convincing reason for it.

We are therefore left to conclude the obvious: blackmail pays. Local MPs Hugh Dykes and Sir John Gorst have stretched Mr Dorrell over the selfsame pork barrel. The health secretary is left presiding over a broken-backed health

policy for the capital. Not that Hugh Dykes and Sir John Gorst have themselves done anything reprehensible. Edmund Burke may have been a Tory, but neither the Tories nor any of the other parties Japan tun Tori

fag end government yesterday as good as invited its support-impractical recipe for parliamentary representation set out in his address to the electors of Bristol. Burke was wrong: MPs are obliged, at least occasionally, to try and do things for their constituents. The problem is balancing when they should speak for sectional interest, when for party, and when for nation. We hear Tory MPs speak for locality and - most usually - for party. We rarely these days hear

them speaking for nation.

The very phrase pork barrel provokes comparison with the United States. American vote-buying offends us – but it is peculiar to the American political culture, which depends on pork for lubrication. Getting the goods for state and district is what elected representatives are there to do: that President Clinton should lobby for Arkansas chicken exports while chatting to Boris Yeltsin in the Kremlin should not shock us. American pork barrels - and those packed with chicken, oil, tobacco, rice and cotton are all politically functional.

Here the size of the barrel is determined by the power of MPs. They lack power. They have little direct sway over executive decisions, and are only able to strike a wee bargain here and there. Of course they can and ought to help out their constituents, by chivvying the local council or heading deputations for foreign investments, or whatever. But



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the opportunity with which Dykes and Gorst were presented was exceptional, and, for them, not to be passed up. Weakness and division in a government whose whips' office is in a state of terminal impotence presented them with

a mile-wide opportunity.
Good for Edgware, Harrow and
Hendon. But bad for Tory claims to be a party with a health policy, and fatal for Tory claims to disciplined fiscal management. And if, as the election approaches, and they pen their election addresses, we just happen to hear Mr Dykes and Sir John Gorst daring to claim they have any firm stance on the particular control of health spending, then that hypocrisy would be blatant for all too see.

More strikingly, this north London pork barrel tale is symptomatic of a wider governmental malaise. The way this government is shown, every day, at every turn, to be deeply debilitating. The development of policy is at a virtual standard, because nothing significant icant can happen before the general election. Instead, we are offered old meat, for example from Gillian Shephard on selection, or from Michael Heseltine with his recycled competitiveness white paper yesterday.

Mr Clarke goes to the Mansion House. It is an occasion when he could, even if he had little new to say about macroeconomic policy, have tried his hand at explaining and analysing trends in the world economy. He might have sought to attach his name to the new pragmatism that rules in economic decision-making; he might have used his time to lecture the City about domestic investment. Any or all of that would have told us that here was a Chancellor thinking ahead. Instead we get Mr Clarke indulging

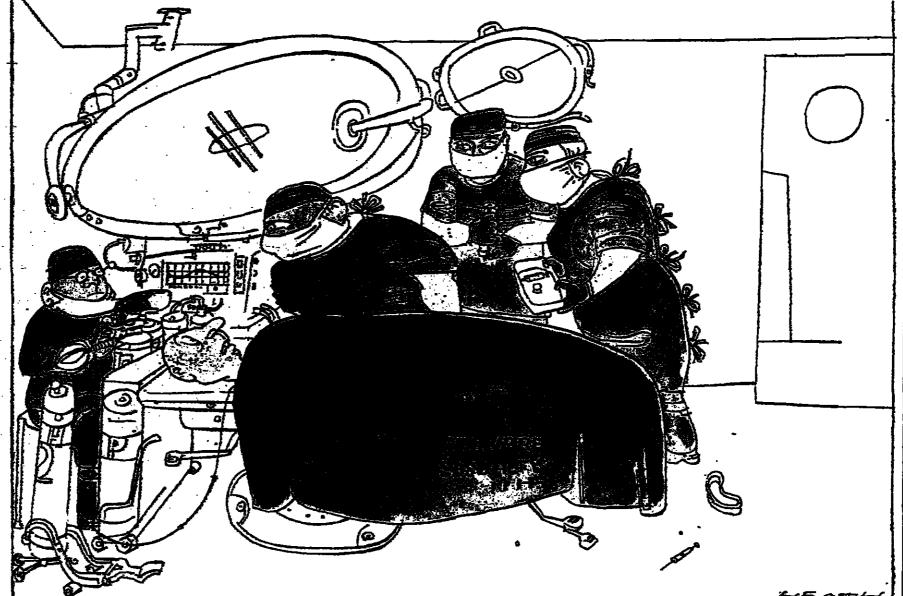
in the party dog-fight. What he had to say about the Eurosceptics is well taken, but, in a purely government sense, it is not material - it is about internal Tory divisions, which need an election before they can properly be resolved. The governance of Britain is captive to the petty squabbles of a political party whose mandate was exhausted months ago. The nation has been precipitated into potentially calamitous demarche with our fellow members of the European Union for the sake, largely, of keeping a fissi-parous party together for a few sterile

months longer. This little arm-twisting episode in north London emphasises the impossibility of Mr Major's administration any longer sustaining an intellectually consistent position, for the simple reason that his premiership is now hostage to the influence of even the tiniest minority of determined MPs. Being up to your arms in pork, as the whole of Congress is in America, is one thing; living with a government that has only scratchings to offer from the bottom of its political barrel is

Hope at last for the child victims

As, finally, a proper publishable investigation into child care in North Wales gets under way, it is tempting to sling around recriminations about how it all took too long. There will need to be searching questions about the role that Welsh Office civil servants, government legal advisers, councillors and their officials in Clwyd all played in blocking a full inquiry before now. But for today, let us thank William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, for provoking the Prime Minister into doing the right thing. And let us also give due credit to John Major for venting his rage at bureaucratic blockages. By appointing Sir Bill Utting to look quickly at safeguards for all children in care throughout England and Wales, Mr Major has at last offered hope that the abuses - most vigorously exposed by this newspaper - may be understood and addressed.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •



'John Major says you can only have the operation if you vote Conservative'

Russians vote with the heart

not the head

Sir: In response to your leading article "If Russia turns back the clock, everyone loses" (12 June), I agree with you that when given the choice people do not always choose wisely. Like all people, and perhaps to a greater extent than others, Russians are guided more by emotions than by reason.

emotions than by reason.

The sensible person will calculate that the only way to avert an even deeper crisis and the Communist takeover is to vote for Boris Yeltsin. The emotional one will be unable to "choose wisely" because his or her heart is burning · with sorrow for the losers of badly _ conducted economic reforms and the victims of the Chechen tragedy. He or she feels that Russia deserves a better president who will be able to solve the pressing internal problems and to improve Russia's standing abroad.

You criticise Yeltsin's government but conclude that, on balance. Gennady Zyuganov, the Communist leader, will cause more damage if elected. That is what common sense tells the reasonable person. But for better or worse, the majority of Russians listen to their hearts more than to common sense.

Zyuganov promises to eliminate poverty and unemployment and injustice. He speaks of equality and the sense of community and social justice. Many people support him not because of but despite his "nostalgia for the Soviet Union". He speaks of national grandeur and people applaud him not because they want to "turn back the clock" and restore Russian influence over half of the continent but because their national pride is hurt by the humiliation they feel Russia faces from the West.

Your fear that Russia will turn Communist again is not unfounded but there is no reason to be pessimistic about the future. The Communist rule will not last long. Soon the emotional person will realise that Zyuganov cannot solve our economic problems - not to mention political - and will rebel again. Russia will turn liberal, and everyone will benefit. BARBARA DANILINA E-mail: danilina@coventry.ac.uk

The writer is a student at Moscow university

Champion of the poor

Sir: The United Nations stands at a crossroads in its history. Facing a cash and credibility crisis the UN needs major reform and requires a

new vision for the future. The election of a new Secretary General in the person of the Irish President Mary Robinson represents that hope for the future. She has been a constant champion for the poorest of the poor, is outspoken against injustices and is imbued with

democratic instincts. President Robinson has emerged as the clear successor to the current acumbent. The former British Ermanent Representative to the UN, Sir Anthony Parsons, sees her candidacy as a "very strong numer" (report, 4 June). His seasoned opinion is shared by the people she has reached out to

It is vital that the British government is urged by the public o join the growing groundswell

and endorse her candidacy for this post. Ireland will lose a great President but the world will gain a woman of vision and ability. JOHN O'SHEA Director, GOAL

Sue the one who can pay

Sir: Don't kill off all the "ambulance-chasing lawyers" just yet (Polly Toynbee; "Litigation is the wrong medicine", and Yvette Cooper; "Money: miracle cure of the Nineties," 12 June)

Any tort law student worth his salt will tell you that the key issue in accident compensation is not who is to blame, but who can pay.

Money is exactly what Christina O'Sullivan is going to need to care for a child with spina bifida, and she would never get near that same amount of money from the social security system and the NHS. It is fortunate that Ms O'Sullivan had a solvent defendant to sue.

Litigation is an imperfect remedy, available only to those who can establish fault, and as seen by the limited class of Hillsborough victims awarded compensation by the court - police officers, but not victims' families it is sometimes unfair and unpredictable. But in the absence of a comprehensive, state-run, accident compensation system for all, at least a lucky few have recourse to more adequate compensation through litigation. MARTHA WARREN Lecturer in Law Centre for Legal Studies University of Sussex Falmer, East Sussex

We get teachers we deserve

Sir: Fran Abrams' revelation that low A-level grades are sufficient for many teacher training courses

should not raise many eyebrows. In this market economy the market for qualifications and jobs is governed by simple rules of supply and demand. A poorly paid, publicly reviled, and systematically disenfranchised profession is not going to be the first choice of the brightest students. Raising of entry requirements would result in a shortage of applicants. Raising salaries would raise applications, and ultimately the expertise of the profession. This has been argued for many years. Broadly speaking. we have the schools and teachers we deserve, because we collectively value them so little. JEREMY NICHOLS Boxworth, Cambridgeshire

Sir: I trained as a primary school teacher between 1974 and 1977. One did not require A-levels and we did not train for a degree but rather a Certificate of Education ie a teacher training certificate. I gained entry to teacher training college in 1974 with only 4 O-levels and 1 CSE.

This did not preclude me from training as a primary teacher because it used to be recognised that high A-level grades and a degree did not give a person the qualities to teach four and five year olds these basic skills. Since then as a mature student I have gained both a first and second degree

which must indicate that I have, and must always have had, the academic ability to do so. There has always been snobbery in further education circles and Mike Bossingham's letter reflects this snobbery against non-degree

further education courses. Probably the most important skills one could teach primary school children are literacy and numeracy and the reality is that good teachers and high grades are not necessarily related especially when teaching basic skills. Being able to teach others is not the same as being able to regurgitate facts to pass A-levels or gain other paper qualifications but relies on patience and a range of approaches and interpersonal skills which cannot be tested by A-level examining bodies. FRANCES BROWNE

TV funding formula

London W7

Sir: In his article, "The future for ITV" (4 June), Mathew Horsman appears to have misunderstood the facts underlying the current debate on the funding formula subsidies paid by Channel 4 to the ITV companies.

Channel 4's revenue is not a pot of money for competitors to use as they think fit. We are talking about the advertising revenue that we, in competition with ITV and satellite, earn in the market place. Under the existing funding formula arrangement the Channel is

effectively required to pay half of everything we earn over 14 per cent of terrestrial net advertising revenue to ITV. Consequently last year we paid £74m (the equivalent of one quarter of our annual programme budget) to ITV's shareholders. This year it will be

A language

Sir: I was amazed that as many as 5

per cent of British children thought

Esperanto should be the single international language for Europe (report. 10 June), considering that it is six years since the Modern

arranged for it to be excluded from the National Curriculum. Up to

then one could attain a GCSE in

Esperanto, and the results were

In spite of this, the leaders of

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hardly heard of it, demand has

been so little that the GCSE in

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and has been withdrawn.

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in July the World Esperanto

left Esperanto out of the list. It ran

languages in all, and only these may now be taught as main foreign

language, if there is a demand from parents; but as even parents have

Esperanto no longer makes a profit

for the Northern Examining Board,

Having no country, Esperanto has

operation from teachers of modern

languages. Unfortunately they are so

prejudiced against it that, if asked for

information about it, they invariably

language with no culture. For a week

Congress will be held in Prague, and

in August, in Shanghai, there will be

the first Asian Esperanto Congress.]

shall be at both, among thousands of

more than 70 different countries. No

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nearer £90m. Mr Horsman advocates "leaving the levy in place until 1998" as if that were some novelty: it is in fact precisely what is going to happen. The Channel has agreed to continue the payments to ITV until the end of 1997, by which time the ITV companies will have received £300m from us, three times the amount they expected when they bid for their licences. There is no reason whatsoever

for Channel 4 to continue to subsidise ITV. Indeed, in the debate in the House of Lords on 16 January, the Heritage minister Lord Inglewood confirmed that the formula was not intended as a subsidy. Government has also made a clear statement of policy which it reiterated in the Commons Standing Committee yesterday – that it wishes the formula to be subject to a two-stage phased reduction leading, in principle, to zero for calendar year 1999. This is a sensible compromise and we await the final confirmation of the details of the phasing-out of this unnecessary and damaging drain on Channel 4's programme

MICHAEL GRADE Chief Executive Channel Four Television Corporation London SW1

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hi-tech jobs

Globalisation of

Sir: The juxtaposition of two articles today (12 June) illustrates nicely how far off track many of our politicians are. In one we are told that Paddy Ashdown expects James Goldsmith to make Europe the central issue in the next general election, while the other tells us of union dismay at the export of some jobs to India by British Airways. While Paddy Ashdown is probably right, it is the second item which shows that Europe is nothing more than a sideshow, a distraction from the real threat to our prosperity, our sovereignty, and possibly our system of liberal democracy. Manufacturing jobs have been exported almost without comment

for some years now but deregulation and the falling costs of telecommunications mean that the process of globalisation experienced in manufacturing is now shifting into services, with a vengeance. The move by BA is a mere trickle, compared with the flood to come. As major employers follow the logic of the market we should expect a massive outflow of the relatively unskilled jobs, such as data processing. There is little to stop the bulk of such jobs in banking, insurance, and other services eventually locating in lowwage economics such as India.

You report that the GMB union concerned over the BA move intends to "seek legislation, similar to US law, stopping companies taking jobs out of Britain simply to take advantage of low pay". GMB leaders must know that this government has already opposed European and American efforts to agree much less "protectionist" measures than they suggest. Steeped in neo-classical theory the Government believes firmly that globalisation will enrich all. eventually. This may well be right. but, as many academic commentators recognise, the structural disruption and redistributive effects which occur meanwhile could be fatal. TOM KILCOURSE Colyton, Devon

Sir: The Independent today reported comments made by the GMB union about British Airways' creation of jobs in India ("British Airways exports data processing work to India", 13 June).

The report does not reflect our commitment to employment in the UK. We employ 46,000 people in this country and we have created 2,000 new jobs in the UK over the

past year.
We compete globally, operating in 83 countries. More than 50 per cent of our revenue is generated outside the UK. Ensuring that we are competitive in everything we do and pursuing appropriate opportunities wherever they arise are essential to maintaining our success and to preserving jobs in the UK.

MERVYN WALKER Director of Human Resources British Airways Heathrow Airport

Missing men

Sir: If six out of 10 British men are either not registered with a GP. have never registered with a GP or do not know their doctor's name (report, 11 June), GPs must be relieved of 30 per cent of their potential adult workload. Where would the NHS be if

these men became brave enough to go to the doctor? PATRICIA V DAWSON London SE26

The pop star Dave Stewart has come out as a victim of 'Paradise syndrome', the scourge of the very rich. Bob and Paula seem to be fellow sufferers. Meanwhile, the poor, we are told, may be spending more. Liz Hunt and Nick Timmins report

Paradise lost: they're so rich it hurts

man broke ranks to reveal the secret torment that has marred his life for more than a decade. Dave Stewart, the multi-millionaire musician and a driving force behind the Eighties super-group The Eurythmics, told an audience in London how he had fought and failed to conquer a debilitating affliction that has forced him to seek help from doctors around the

Stewart was a victim of Paradise syndrome, a condition known only to some psychologists - and the fantastically rich and successful. Paradise syndrome is a mental disorder that strikes over-achievers whose immense wealth provides them with a perfect life. They simply cannot cope and must find ways of making it worse.

"It is when your world is goin absolutely, fantastically well and you feel so inspired," Mr Stewart said. "Everything you have possibly wanted to do in life you can do. You can just decide you want to do something and things fall into place. You think there must be a catch," he said. And if there isn't, you imagine one. Or create it.

By bravely speaking out, Stewart has helped the many to understand the few. Perhaps members of this fabulous minority will even come to terms with their condition. A support group - Paradise Lost? and a "Freephone Paradise" helpline must follow. Chelsea homes with her rock

Stewart's candour belos the rest of us, too. We accept that the rich are different, but acknowledgement by one of their own of the existence of Paradise syndrome explains more succinctly than any psychobabbling therapist just wby they screw up emotionally and practically on a grand scale

It explains the poor little rich girl phenomenon typified by Barbara Hutton, the Woolworth's heiress, and Gloria Vanderbilt. It prompts better the birth of the winningly named understanding of the downfall Fifi Trixibelle, together with of scions of the British aristocracy such as Jamie Blandford, Marquess of Blandford, and John Jermyn Hervey, Marquess of Bristol. And it is confirmed establishment. She was irritating in the comments of Henry and he was unkempt, but it all Dent-Brocklehurst, who this seemed to work quite well. week inherited the magnificent

Sudeley Castle in Gloucestershire and an even more magnificent £50m withheld from him during his drug-steeped

youth. We can now sympathise more fully with the problems of the rich and celebrated - Elizabeth Taylor and George Best, for example - because we know about Paradise syndrome.

One of the most common manifestations of the syndrome is imaginary illness - the bil-lionaire recluse Howard Hughes was a hypochondriac without equal. Stewart spoke movingly of his own experi-ences in this field. There was an imaginary kidney stone in Bangkok which resulted in the removal of his appendix, and a heart attack in New York which turned out to be muscle strain

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the disease, exemplified by the

"Bob and Paula" saga, which limped to a surprisingly civilised conclusion in the High Court

this week, when Paula's ex-

husband, Bob, agreed to swap

star lover, Michael Hutchence.

because Paula Yates, 36, the

peroxide and silicon-enhanced partner of the former Boomtime

Rats lead singer and founder of

Band Aid, Bob Geldof, bought

heavily into the paradise concept

during her marriage, with

scarcely a hint that she would

public's affection as the glam-

They married in 1986 in Las

succumb to the syndrome.

It is a poignant example

There are however, far more

renewed her acquaintance with Michael Hutchence, Australian lead singer with the super-group INXS. An affair followed, and a year ago Paula said goodbye Stewart has helped to her image of perfection and moved in with Hutchence.

Vegas - Dave Stewart and

Annie Lennox were witnesses and held a second wedding for

family and friends at their coun-

Bob signified universal accep-

tance of the couple and their

ofs' £750,000 Chelsea home or

at their £1.2m former priory

home in the depths of the Kent

countryside was a recurring

theme throughout the late

something of a lost soul after

Band Aid, found success with

Planet 24, a television produc-

tion company responsible for The Big Breakfast. Paula was a

regular presenter and star inter-

viewer, where she shared a dou-

It was on that bed that she

ble bed with celebrity guests.

Meanwhile Bob, who was

Eighties and early Nineties.

Domestic bliss at the Geld-

Paradise syndrome, perhaps suppressed for years, struck with a vengeance and the Bob and Paula split degenerated into an acrimonious and highprofile dispute over money and property. At one stage she stood in the street howling obscenities and throwing stones at Bob's windows, and then there was a "quickie" biography sold for a £150,000 advance. Her weekly column in the Sun, for which she was paid £100,000, provided a platform for real mudslinging and outrageous comments about Geldof which aimed to shame him into coughing up more from his estimated £10m fortune. They divorced in December last year, but were still fighting for custody of a Chelsea mansion.

The apparently goodnatured house swap agreed outside the High Court on Paula's television shows Thursday - Bob and his girlmarked her out as a celebrity in friend will move mews cottage, vacating the Chelsea mansion for Paula and worldwide acclaim for Band Aid, daughters - was unexpected. established the Geldofs in the Bob and Paula, seven months pregnant, appeared serene and orous king and queen of the rock smiling after the settlement. But as with many cases of

Paradise syndrome, she might just be in remission.





Top: Bob Geldof with daughters Peaches and Pixie yesterday. Centre: Paula Yates and Michael Hutchence on the infamous bed. Above: Dave Stewart and Annie Lennox

Paradise denied: the gap gets wider

much succour for the left for a decade and more that under the Conservatives the rich have got richer while the poor have got poorer - has taken a considerable knock.

Research showing that the bottom 10 per cent of the population has seen its income fall by 17 per cent while the top tenth has seen a 62 per cent rise has been supplemented by new data on spending and mobility.

When spending is examined, far from falling, that of the bottom 10 per cent has risen, by around 14 per cent. And those who make up the bottom 10 per cent are not a static. poverty-ridden underclass, but much more mobile group than many once thought - with between a quarter and a half moving out of the bottom 10 per cent each year to be replaced by others falling down the income ladder.

The world is more complex than once it seemed - and the evidence that the poor have got absolutely poorer since 1979 is decidedly suspect.

The latest figures are the first good news the Tories have had on the subject in a decade, and Peter Lilley, the Secretary of State for Social Security, was using them yesterday. But as with all figures, there

are problems. For a start, a tenth of the population is a buge number - 5.7 million people. Buried within them are almost certainly people who have got stuck. And the data from which all the figures come, household surveys, exclude those at the very bottom of the pile - the homeless on the streets, those in hostels and bed and breakfast. Their numbers are not large. But there are undoubtedly many more of them than 20 years ago and they are the visible evidence of

This is the core of the argument. For whether or not the bottom 10 per cent have got absolutely poorer since the mid-1970s - the widening gap in income distribution started before Margaret Thatcher came to power - it is clear they are relatively poorer, compared both to the middle and the top.

For them, paradise has been denied. Even using the spending figures - which show a less sharp growth in inequality than the income figures those at the top have done three times better than those at the bottom, and been able to save an awful lot more to boot. And while widening inequalities have been a feature of most developed societies in recent years, what evidence there is suggests that inequalities have widened faster in the UK than in most

other countries. At some point, this is likely to matter to any society that wants to maintain its cohesion. A section at the bottom that sees itself becoming increas-

ver the past year, an ingly detached is unlikely to have much sympathy for the top. And a top end of society increasingly able to make its own provision for education, health and income and care in old age may well become less willing to pay the taxes to help those at the bottom - either into work or for life where work is not possible. It hardly sounds like a recipe for peace.

> laid down yesterday to those who believe society is too unequal was to state what level of inequality they would accept and why. But it begs exactly the same counter-question to those who believe the recent acceleration in inequality not only does not matter but has

The challenge Peter Lilley



Those at the bottom have

been a positive good because it has provided greater rewards to those who have succeeded. What final level of inequality are they prepared to accept, and why? And do they believe the current trend is sustainable?

The challenge is a real one for both parties. It is unlikely a trend that began before the Conservatives took power will cease. It has been driven not just by domestic policies on taxation, employment and benefits but by global forces which include trade and technology.

To balt the trend towards greater inequality at the bottom, let alone reduce it, is likely to require higher spending - on in-work benefits, on education and on training as well as on benefits for those who cannot work. Dramatic economic growth aside, that means either higher taxes or a more selective welfare state in pensions, education and health to release the cash another way: a route which would further detach the have-a-loss from the have-nots, while hitting those in the middle who are just too well off to qualify for tax-funded aid.

Neither provides an easy answer. But without one, the poor will not only always be with us but are likely to get relatively poorer.

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On yer jigger, Fat Owl of the Remove!

ome on, Dad," said my son to me the other day, "let's get our jiggers out and go for a ride!"

"Our what?" I said. This was a new bit of slang I hadn't come across. My son is only eight but already he's coming up with stuff that leaves me flat-footed. Jiggers? Not a word I ever remember using.

"Jiggers means bicycles," he said, sounding a bit hurt at my forgetfulness. "Don't you remember? It was in that Billy Bunter book you're reading

He was right. I have been reading him a Billy Bunter book and jigger is used in it as a slang word for bicycle, and so we did get out our jiggers and go for a ride, so everything ended happily. Except, I sup-pose, that many a reader will frown at the source of this knowledge, so at a time when Enid Blyton is coming under fire I ought to justify my reading my own child anything as quaint, old-fashioned and politically incorrect as a Greyfriars story by Frank Richards.

had been listening to a Martin Jarvis tape of several Billy Bunter stories, and Martin Jarvis had made the whole Billy Bunter world come alive for him, as indeed Martin Jarvis can bring anything to life - Martin Jarvis could make the plays and novels of Samuel Beckett seem action-packed.

So my son wanted another fix of Billy Bunter. Had I got any Billy Bunter stories? he wanted to know. Well, no. I hadn't, but it so happened that I came across a Billy Bunter book in a second-hand bookshop a few days later. Billy Bunter's Benefit, it was called. It had been published in 1950 by Charles Skilton, a publisher whose name I don't think I had come across before, and it had been around the world, because there was a tiny sticker inside revealing that it had been through the hands of "Angus and Robert-son, Booksellers to the University, 89 Castlereagh Street.

I bought it. It has been a great invest- And he has put a new word

Sydney, Australia". It was £9.



Miles Kington

ment because both my son and I have enjoyed the story tremendously - quite apart from all the eating, and fight-ing, and bicycle theft, and ragging and heaven knows what, it must be the only school novel in which two rival dramatic societies put on competing productions of Hamlet, though I don't think this last has appealed much to my son. the most viliainous hero ever created; he is so greedy, men-

Bunter himself is no doubt dacious, cowardly, lazy and manipulative that I cannot he is so winningly attractive.

think of any redeeming features, which I suppose is why into my son's vocabulary:

jigger. If someone had asked me last week what it meant, I would have said (hesitantly) that it was either a measure of spirits ("a jigger of rum") or a kind of insect that gets under your toenails. But to discover that it is also a bicycle is unnerving.

Mark you, we have always been short of a slang word for bicycle in English. "Cycle" and "bike" are mere abbreviations, and anyway "bike" has been stolen by the motorbike people. If the French can have a slang word for bike, la bécane, why can't we? Just asking ...

And now I have even looked up "jigger" in an array of dictionaries and found that jigger means more things than even Frank Richards dreams

1. A light lifting tackle used On ships; 2. A golf club, usually a

3. A 11/202 whisky measure;

4. A kind of sieve used for sifting ore; 5. Another word for a chi-

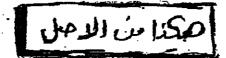
goe, the insect that burrows in your flesh; 6. A runabout truck on a a

railway line (but only in New Zealand); 7. A device used when setting a gill net beneath ice (but

only in Canada); 8. An old name for the stand or bridge used in smooker to rest your cue on when the cue

ball is too far for comfort. I think that's a wonderful word. It has more jobs than a Tory quango chairman, and does them all efficiently, I have no doubt. It would make a great quiz question - all you would have to do is read out some of those definitions, and then ask: "What is the word that means all those things?" And I would never have known all this had it not been for Billy Bunter.

So if anyone asks me infuture to justify reading Billy-Butter stories, I shall say quietly: "I use them as a tool for enlarging my vocabulary. And I am not the only one. Did you realise they were widely on sale at Australian university bookshops in the 1950s?"



the commentators

Enormous discounts on books have hurt both booksellers and authors. It must be time to end them, says Giles Gordon

here are two schools of thought, or thoughtlessness, about WH Smith. One is that Smersh is the salvation of literature and knitur in the high street: after all, you can buy Jeffrey Archer's and Jilly Cooper's latest offerings there. The other is that Smig is an abomination and an embarrassment: Britain's leading bookselling and that Smug is an abomination and an embarrassment; Britain's leading bookselling and
newspaper chain, certainly since the 1950s,
has been responsible for lowering the aspirations and potential of more than a generation of readers by providing so much pap.
The truth, I fear, does not lie somewhere

between these two entrenched viewpoints. Until recently, the directors and senior executives were exclusively of the patrician class, with the chairman, Sir Simon Hornby, and chief executive, Sir Malcohn Field, dishing out crumbs of congratulation to harassed and

As I wrote recently in a column for a glossy monthly, the top brass of WHS was unlikely to shop at any of its 450-odd branches, as it would be unlikely to find there books that would stimulate its interest. These paragraphs were removed from my copy at the last moment on the instructions of the magazine's Kremlin, as the monthly was selling fewer copies than it should have done at WHS and the management was terrified that criticism of Smug might result in the magazine being dropped by the chain.

For change is afoot at WHS, with Bill Cockburn, the new chief executive brought in from the Post Office, announcing yester-day that the group's "product lines" would be reduced from 49,000 to 35,000. WHS is

High Street booksellers: Smith, Smug or Smersh?

book trade. It is market-driven: why provide an intelligent service if it's more profitable to lay on an unintelligent one?

Sir Simon Hornby was succeeded in 1994 as chairman by the witty and energetic Jeremy Hardie, who has in his favour that he is married to a literary agent and thus is likely to be sympathetic to authors: during his first year as chairman, Vikram Seth won the gen-ninely prestigious WH Smith Award for A Suitable Boy, notoriously omitted from the same year's Booker Prize shortlist.

Hardie must have realised that the times were out of joint for WHS, and quickly instituted radical changes, the most crucial being the departure of Sir Malcolm Field and the arrival six months ago of Cockburn. WHS is 204 years old, and the annual figures to be announced in August will reveal a loss – the first in the firm's history – of £200m. The workforce is being slashed by 1,100.

Most authors fear and loathe WHS, because they cannot find their books there, yet publishers invariably suck up to the young men and women who run the book side.

Publishers need Smith's business, and the most powerful single force in the British thus are prepared, albeit gritting their false

teeth, to give them preposterous discounts. For instance, 26 per cent of Reed's turnover (imprints include Secker & Warburg, Heinemann, Sinclair-Stevenson, Conran Octopus, Methuen, Mitchell Beazley) comes from WH Smith; 31 per cent if Waterstone's is included. Reed gives WHS an overall dis-

WHS even considered making publishers pay for the privilege of showing it their new books

count of 55 per cent off the recommended retail price, and WHS may return as many or as few books as it wishes. This gigantic dis-count is, surely, potential business suicide, and to some degree explains why a few months ago Reed failed to find a buyer for itself at the right price.

Other publishers give WHS even more lav-

ish discounts: the Penguin Group gives

53.5 per cent, Orion 55 per cent, and Harper-Collins an astonishing 56.5 per cent. With discounts such as these, authors' roy-

alties of 10 per cent, 12.5 per cent and 15 per cent of the recommended published price on hardbacks and 7.5 per cent and 10 per cent on paperbacks are automatically reduced to the same percentages of the discounted prices. When the Net Book Agreement was suddenly rejected last autumn, it was assumed, not least by WHS, that it would be the major beneficiary. This certainly has been the case with regard to discounts, WHS threatening not to stock publishers' titles unless they up the percentages. However, there have been no winners, and Britain's booksellers, the chains and independents, are not selling sufficiently more copies of books

to justify the reduced prices of some. It is hard to see how matters may impro for WHS's core business as a bookseller if it stocks even fewer titles than it does at present, and with a much-reduced staff there are likely to be even longer queues than there are at present at the tills (but let's hope that chocolate brown colour and those drab uniforms are abolished).

of course, will put WHS in an even more par

Why we must root Publishers have to travel to WHS's headquarters at Swindon to present their forthcoming titles to the chain's book buyers. out the Titles are, essentially, bought centrally, which is why the same relatively few titles pop up with such inevitability in WHS shops up and down the country. Recently some bright new executive announced to publishers that in future they would have to pay for the privilege of showing their new books to Smith. This was quickly squashed after howls of anguish from publishers. Even so, publishers now often submit typescripts to WHS before taking a decision to publish, and redo jackets and covers if the minions at Springer deal like them. And eather than

unsold books being returned to publishers, the bulk-buying WHS's shredding and pulp-ing machines are said to work day and night. It is a cliché of the book trade that a healthy WHS leads to a healthy book trade. At present, beleaguered independent book-sellers are turning their backs on ordering direct from inefficient publishers and are placing their orders with the country's very efficient wholesalers. Publishers don't like this because they have to give wholesalers, who by definition order in bulk, larger discounts than they do to independent booksellers lacking in muscle. The only solution is for the major conglomerates to insist upon reducing their discounts to WHS, which they will need to do for survival. This,

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abusers John Major Swindon don't like them. And rather than

horror of the sexual abuse of children that seems to have been widespread in residential homes in Clwyd in the Seventies and Eighties. Some of the suggestions as to the number of children involved have been frighteningly high. Although there have been successful criminal prosecutions, there remains deep public concern that the full facts have never been properly

The Independent reported on these issues for some time and has shown the same deep concern as the Gov-ernment. But the long-term effects of the abuse continue to pile up: as many as 12 young people formerly in care in Clwyd have died in recent years in tragic circumstances. Some have committed suicide.

uncovered.

The last straw was the recent announcement that the report commissioned by Clwyd County Council would not be published by the local authorities. I had no hesitation in concluding that we could not allow matters to rest there. The children who live in can: homes are among the most vulnerable members of society.

They are there, very often, because they have literally no one else to turn to. Those who prey on that vulnerability need to be rooted out and prevented from ever again being in a position to exploit the young. And the system needs to be proof against any recurrence.

That is why the Government has decided to launch a thorough inquiry into the events in Clwyd homes, William Hague will be setting out the details and terms of reference next week. And we must work to ensure that the problems that have emerged do not recur elsewhere. That is why we are inviting Sir William Utting, the former Chief Inspector of Social Services in England, to assess more widely whether the safeguards, which have been much tightened in recent years, are adequate to protect young children and properly enforced.

The picture that has emerged of events in Clwyd and the damage that has resulted is one that fills the nation with disgust. The local authorities seem unable to get to the root of the problem. The Government is determined to ensure that we get answers, and that they are acted upon.

Life in the Kingdom of Albia

Would London and the South-east prosper if they became an independent country?

Sunday relationship between the various bits of the UK. There will inevitably be a new relationship with Northern Ireland. If Labour wins the next election, there will be a Scottish Assembly; if Wales wants an assembly too, will get one; and, just this week, Labour's Regional Policy Commission outlined plans for separate regional economic

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But if the English regions are to have more power, what are the implications for the largest region of all? What will London and the South-east have to say? There is, as yet, little resent-

ment in the South-east about the extent to which it has to subsidise the rest of the country, no equivalent of Umberto Bossi's Lombard League in Italy. But we are at one of those moments in world history when fissures within countries are growing, where their arbitrary borders are being questioned, where a grand redefinition of countries is possible.

So let's just suppose that in the next few years, an equivalent of the Lombard League does gather strength - let's call it the Thames League - and that the South-east and London do decide they wish to form a new independent country - let's call it Albia - and let's see.

We'll take the present official definitions, which run out as far

e are in the as Oxfordshire, Hampshire and process of the Isle of Wight, but exclude rethinking the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, both part of the London commuter belt. In practice, the boundaries would be decided politically: I suspect that with

Oxford in, Cambridge would eventually join, too. This Albia would have a pop-



ulation of 17.8 million, making it a little larger than Australia, a lot larger than the Netherlands or Belgium and, to take a slightly different comparison, considerably larger than Scotland, Ireland and Wales put together. It would, of course, be considerably richer than the UK as a whole. London's GDP is about 125 per cent of the UK's, while the South-east's is a bit over 110 per cent. It would also be quite rich by European standards: Albia would have about the same GDP per head at purchasing power parities, as France and Germany, maybe a little higher, and considerably higher than Italy or the Netherlands.

But how would the country appear in world terms? GDP

which on official figures is big-ger than Russia. That says more about official calculations of GDP than it does about the real size of the Russian economy, but on my calculations, Albia would be number 11 in the world eco-In the short term the people

in Albia would be better off as citizens of an independent country. The billions that people in London and the South-east pay in subsidies to the rest of the country would be available to improve the standard of living and the public facilities of Albia. We do not have regional balance of payments figures, but Albia would probably have a current account surplus. There would be

trade deficit, with large imports of manufactured goods, though the South-east has a high-quality engineering sector. Virtually all energy would have to be imported, too.
On the other hand, most of

the UK's invisible earnings would be retained by the region. so there would be a large surplus on that score, particularly from tourism and financial services. In economic structure it would look rather like Switzerland, with relatively small manufacturing sector except in specialist areas such as pharmaceuticals, but compensated by tourism and banking. Were Albia to have its own currency (while the rest of the UK adopted the euro?) it might run into the same problem as Switwould be more than \$400bn, zerland, where the strength of important politically, it would,

the Swiss franc tends to crowd out manufacturing. Viewed in static terms, it would be a very successful part of the world. But what about the econ-

omic dynamics, for there would undoubtedly be big changes in the role of London, in particular. I think that Albia would gradually turn into something much more like Hong Kong or Singapore. It would lose some business in providing administrative services to a large hinterland. The other regions of England would no longer want to pay London rates for central government services. Albia, for its part, would no longer feel obliged to maintain military forces abroad, or to spend so much on diplomatic representation. It would behave much more like Australia, playing an important regional role, but not pretending that it was any sort of world power. I could see it choosing not to be part of the EU (like Switzerland) while the rest of the UK remained in. If Albia would become less

I suspect, become commercially more important. It could tailor its taxation and other financial policies to suit its own needs, without having to consider the rest of the UK. No longer would politicians elected by people with no interest in the economy of London and the South-east (and maybe some hostility towards the region)

have any say in the way it organised itself. Practical matters would be no problem. We have a model in the Benelux countries of a single economic zone with open borders, and it works very well. People on the Continent often live in on country and work in another: live in France and work in Geneva, or in Sweden and in Copenhagen. There are plenty of examples of common economic zones run by different political regimes. It would be no more difficult to manage a separate Albia than to manage a separate Scotland.

There would have to be a constitutional decision: would Albia keep the Royal Family or

would it chose to be a republic? I suspect that it would actually be more likely to vote to keep the royals, certainly in the initial stages of independence, than the rest of England: the Home Counties are pretty royalist. In short, the idea of a sepa-

rate, rich, city-state centred on London is wholly practical. It would be the nearest approxi-mation, within the UK, to some of the fastest-growing economies in the world: in particular, Singapore and Hong Kong. Both those places have benefited vastly from independence from their hinterland. Why

should Albia not do the same? There is only one problem. This is not going to happen. It is not going to happen because the concept of England has too deep historical roots, Scotland, Wales and, of course, Ireland all have their own identities, separate from England's. But the South-east does not have an identity separate from the rest of England. That is the crucial difference between the Lombard League and the

Thames League: one has history, the other does not. What is happening, though, is

that cities and regions are becoming relatively more important vis h vis nation states. The various regions of what is still the UK want more say in their own affairs, quite rightly, as Labour recognises. Expect Albia to want more say, too.



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Nice theatre, shame about the play

Lottery millions for the arts should be spent on the players and audiences, not on fancy new buildings

arts, you may not always see spanking new shows. But boy will you get a The craziness of the way that lottery

money is distributed has led to glaring anomalies. First, the millions going out every month can only be spent on "capital projects", ie buildings. Meanwhile the far smaller annual revenue grants continue to mean cutbacks and crises in even the biggest companies. They'll have the new buildings, but they may not be able to afford the new productions to stage in them. Second, the hitherto undreamt of

amounts of lottery money for the arts has led to the sudden discovery that what were thought to be sound buildings are in dire need of immediate explacement. Even the Royal Acadeny of Dramatic Arts (Rada) - though I don't recall hearing previously of a crisis there - needs £22m spent on it.

The prospect of millions of pounds on tap can turn the heads of even the most renowned arts administrators, who now dream of being Marco Pierre White. The Royal Court Theatre, the

n the spanking new buildings that lottery money is providing for the plans an underground restaurant plans an underground restaurant beneath Sloane Square. Chelsea is not exactly short of restaurants; aspiring young writers are short of funding. But the former can get lottery money, the latter cannot.

Then there is my favourite piece of

lottery lunacy, the English National Opera. First it wanted money to paint its striking and distinguished blue auditorium red. Now it wants to go considerably further. It is considering applying for money to move out of its home at the London Coliseum altogether. Never mind that the Government bought the theatre for the company only four years ago, never mind that it is brilliantly situated in the buzz and heart of and accessibility as well as buildings. theatreland. There is money for new buildings about, so why not move lock, stock and barrel to the less than salubrious Kings Cross area? Besides, the

Coliseum hasn't got a restaurant.

I shudder to think of the extent to which architects and builders have "adjusted" their prices for arts venues to take advantage of lottery mania. No investigation into that possibility has been carried out. It might have fasci-



The system clearly has to change. And at last the opportunity is here to change it. The Heritage Secretary Virginia Bottomley and the Aris Council have agreed to widen the remit for lottery spending on the arts to include people, education projects An excellent consultation paper is being issued and the changes will be implemented from September.

Partly as a pre-election vote winner, and partly no doubt out of genuine concern. Mrs Bottomley has let it be known she wants to invest in young taient, in people as well as buildings. To avoid the need for new legislation she has co-opted a phrase that is consistent

it leaves "a permanent legacy."

Mrs Bottomley's wishes some lottery money to be spent on dance and drama students, who unlike their contempo-

raries at art and music schools do not receive mandatory grants (while local anthorities are increasingly loath to give discretionary grants). It does seem ludi-crous that the lottery can provide £22m to give Rada an upgraded building, but talented students from poorer families cannot take up their places there.

Nevertheless, this would be an unwise use of lottery money. It cannot be used for long-term policy commitments as ticket sales could go down, future governments could change the list of good causes, the arts could cease to be a beneficiary of lottery money altogether. The simple answer is for the Secretary of State for Education, Gillian Shephard, to bring drama and dance into line with art and music, with smdent fees paid by mandatory awards.

What I would like to see happen from September is a change of focus from the arts practitioners to the arts consumers. The best way of doing this with investing in capital projects. People are "human capital". New artistic and concert prices have increased so about what went on inside them. is to reduce ticket prices. Many theatre repair. We were all too busy talking

work is also a capital scheme because it leaves "a permanent legacy." steeply that going regularly is less and item option. Going as a family needs a second mortgage.
Other methods of increasing access

must also be a priority. No arts building by the year 2000 should have any difficulties for handicapped members of the audience. And why not use lottery money for proper street lighting around aris venues, car parking and late night transport – all intrinsic parts of an aesthetic night out Lottery money must also be put into

touring. Outside London the taxpayers who fund companies like the Royal Ballet and English National Opera cannot see them in action. A percentage of lottery money

needs to be earmarked for new work. Bursaries to help young writers, artists and composers would be a more constructive way of investing lottery money in the future. More constructive, frankly, than a never-ending list of refurbished buildings. Indeed before the lottery millions came available, it is hard to recall actual consumers complaining about most of the buildings that we are now told are in dismal

Gabriel Benitez Esperón

Nobody knows how many youngsters work on the streets Benitez had an aura of convicvary between 2 and 5 million. By far the majority still live at home and are sent to earn money by their parents. The contribution made by this army of child workers often represents the most important source of income for the many families living in abject poverty.

It was in Mexico City, talking

to the children who lived or Gabriel Benitez Esperón came to appreciate the extent of the problems they faced. He re-alised that they have different needs from orphaned or abandoned children. Youngsters who take to the streets, because of family poverty or abuse in the home, have to become totally self-reliant to survive. Some turn to crime, others to drugs but all become addicted to freedom. When taken into orphanages or homes, they rarely stay for more than few days before absconding. To conquer this addiction to freedom was. Benitez considered, the most difficult challenge faced by any

The welfare of deprived children became his concern as soon as he graduated in history from Puebla's UDLA University. He went first to the High Sierra to teach Mexican-Indian children, then, when he was 26, the Fuad Abed Halabi Foundation offered him the position of co-ordinator of their social and educational programme in Mexico. Unicef approached him to design the first educational packs on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (1990), which were circulated to schools and teachers

throughout the country. It was while working with the Fuad Foundation that Benitez can begin a stable life and acmet his wife. Sarah Thomas, a formidable young woman who had left the British Embassy in Mexico to set up a project for street children. They matched each other well in idealism, good looks and an ability to

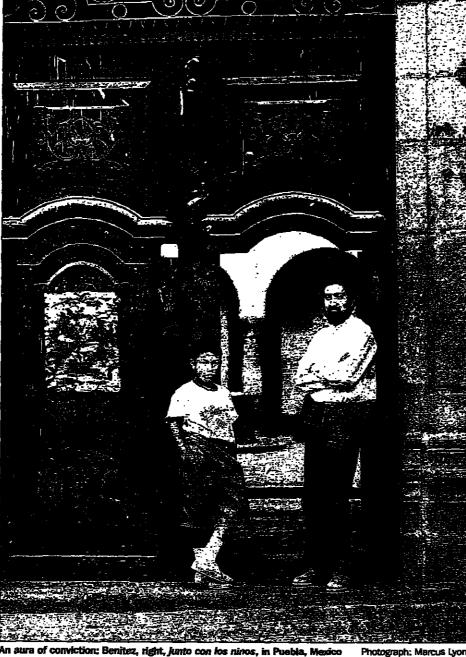
for their chosen work. Gabriel of Mexico's cities. Estimates tion about him. Immediately you met him you knew, without doubt, here was a good man, and his dedication was matched by an imaginative and innovative approach to problems.

Children are drawn to Mexico City from all over the country, and once there they disappear into the urban sprawl and it is difficult to help them. Much better, Gabriel and Sarah believed, to catch them along the way before they drifted into the capital. They chose Puebla, the old merchant town some 60 miles south-east of Mexico City where Gabriel was born, to begin their work.

Any night in the bus station they would see bewildered chil-dren who had just arrived, or others, already street-wise, sleeping on the ground. The children kept alive by carrying luggage, selling single cigarettes, juggling or sometimes picking pockets. And always there was the smell of the cheap solvents which they sniffed to ward off hunger and give themselves a high.

Funded by the International Children's Trust of Peterborough, Sarah set up Junto con los Ninos (Juconi) and Gabriel became a fellow worker and operational director of the project The programme for street chil-dren began with Operation Friendship, in which student volunteers and social workers went on to the streets day and night to befriend and gain the trust of the children and to motivate them to change their life

The next stage was building Casa Juconi, a half-way house which Benitez helped design and construct, where children quire the basic skills of cooperation and participation. Wherever possible the children are encouraged to return to their families and support is then given to the family unit. Where this is not possible, chilinspire others with enthusiasm dren are helped to go to school



or take up apprenticeships and training. But always for Gabriel it was "junto con los ninos -together with the children".

The day centre set up next by Juconi offers working children a shower, a meal and emergency medical treatment. Many come in after a morning's work, spend the afternoon on basic education and creative work before returning to the streets for an evening shift. Families are encouraged to come in and are helped to establish production units so that children can go to school, many for the first time.

Benitez also organised regular meetings to encourage women to realise their own po-tential. When local elections were coming up, one group of working children replicated not only in Mexico but, encouraged

women who were meeting regularly invited the candidates along to explain their policies. The male politicians arrived, armed with a few plantudes, expecting a silent, respectful audience. But the women had planned their questions beforehand, refused to be fobbed off and in no uncertain terms told the politicians what they would have to do to gain their votes. To Benitez's delight, the women had achieved this them-

selves. The outcome was im-

proved street lighting and better

facilities at the local school. The success of the Benitez-Thomas project has seen its

by Unesco, in many countries

where similar problems exist. At the end of last year Gabriel and Sarah handed over Juconi in Mexico to a new di-rector and left for Guayaquil in Ecuador to begin their work over again. His sudden death there at only 34 is a tragedy not only for his wife and children but also for the larger family of street children to whom he brought the hope of a new life. Lynn ten Kate

Gabriel Eduardo Benitez Esperón, charity worker: born Puebla, Mexico 6 January 1962; married 1989 Sarah Thomas (one son, one daughter); died Guayaquil, Ecuador 1 June 1996.

Winifred Wilson

fashioned picture dealer to whom the chase, the find and the enjoyment of the image were more important than accepted names and expanding profit margins. I first entered ber shop in Uckfield high street in 1969, curious about a painting by Leila Faithfull. After watching me carefully as I turned it over and scrutinised the Leicester Galleries label on the reverse, she remarked tartly: "You're more interested in the back than the front."

The customer prepared to take such jibes in good part found that the rather gloomy, double-fronted interior of W.F. Wilson repaid regular visits. Winifred had an exceptional eye for furniture, glass, porcelain, silver and other covetable objects, backed by years of dealing and reading. She had a large library of books and magazines on shelves, floor and stairs for reference, provided she could remember where anything was Pictures remained her first love. Years before Newlyn School canvases feiched five-figure sums in the boom of the 1980s, Wilson was selling Cornish painters such as Dod Procter, Fred Hall, Lamorna Birch and J.A. Park in the low hundreds of pounds. The privileged were admitted

to Wilson's tiny sitting-room above the shop. There, in front of the constant fire and in the company of her two miniature dachshunds, her Clausen drawing of the young farmworker, the McEvoys of girls, the Gem-mell Hutchison of the paddling girl, the Thérèse Lessore of the circus and Euston Road Schoolish portrait of a young woman (attribution never solved), they would be offered "a quick snort" of Madeira or whisky, always urged to have "the other half" before leaving. Wilson assembled a sort of salon of young dealers and picture enthusiasts keen to hear her

She was known to one as Winnie the Hat. She always wore one in the shop, and a grandchild asked: "Does grandma wear her hat in bed, too?"

She loved her garden, behind the shop, and Sussex, where she spent the later part of her life, but her apprenticeship had been in London. She was boru in Tatsfield, Surrey, in 1907, one of four sons and four daughters of Howard Neville Walford, a watercolourist whose country gardens and cottages found

Winifred Wilson was an old-fashioned picture dealer to lisher Raphael Tuck. One of her sisters became Norah Smallwood of Chatto & Windus. Equally formidable, Norah rose from secretary to chairman, having persuaded the firm that she could type when she could not. Winifred was sent to boarding school and hated it, being then thoid and easily bullied.

Her youthful years are a mystery. She claimed to have owed much to the teaching of Marguerite Steen, later a notable novelist and companion of the painter William Nicholson. She was also friendly with the family of the scholar G. Lowes Dickinson, the son of an artist. Winifred became an excellent

restorer and liner, learning much from her husband, R.E.A. (Ted) Wilson, now largely for-gotten, but between the wars a knowledgeable dealer in Old Masters. He was a tall, cadaverons man of great presence, and a fierce parent. It was dinner by eight, no children in the sitting-room and classical music only. It was his stricture she remembered when looking at pictures: "All you need to know is on the front." After working on a newspa-

per in his native Yorkshire Ted Wilson moved to London before the First World War and by the early 1920s he had set up the Eldar Gallery. Winifred seems to have met him about then. His next venture, from 1927, was the Savile Gallery, where his partner and backer was Mark Oliver. Wilson acted astutely for Walter Sickert, many of his best pictures passing through the Savile's hands.

Winifred remembered how Sickert ran up one of his large taxi bills and sent a picture to Ted Wilson with the request to settle what was on the clock. She cherished a telegram from Sickert: "Come to lunch, and bring

anecdotes and opinions.

The Depression killed off the Savile, so Wilson dealt on his own. He produced fine, scholarly catalogues stuffed with Micbelangelo, Andrea del Sarto, Tiepolo, Fuseli and others. The 1940s and after proved tougher. When a bomb fell in a neighbour's busement in Bed-ford Gardens Wilson defied a warden's suggestion that they stay put. Ten minutes after they left the bomb went off, destroying a house lined with Old Masters and other treasures. They were uninsured. Sorting through the rubble Winifred found only a green pottery cat which always remained with

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her - and one wellington boot. During the war Winifred Wilson drove an ambulance and acted as a chauffeuse to VIPs. A bookshop and antique shop of sorts followed in Kensington Church Street, and the post-war period eventually found the Wilsons living in Sussex, finally at Hove. They sold books by post. Ted was a lot old-er than Winifred, and she had to nurse him while trying to make ends meet. After Ted died, in the early

960s, she was walking through Uckfield with her grandsons when they spotted a motorcy-cle shop which became her premises. Her friend the painter Sylvia Gosse gave her £200, a bank manager lent money and Winifred moved in many of her possessions as stock.

By now her timidity was evaporating and the rather formidable Winifred blossomed. I recall her reaction when a hesitant customer, parked on a yellow line, left the shop to reason with a traffic warden. Striding to the door, Winifred shouted: Don't let them bully you!"

It was an unusual shop for a workaday Sussex town, for Bohemian types were to be encountered in it. A notable picture expert was so casually dressed as he sipped his Madeira that a customer afterwards remarked: "Winifred was entertaining a tramp yesterday. It was the same expert who. commenting to Winifred Wilson that she was in good shape for 70, drew the retort: "I've still got the best legs in the business

David Buckman

Winifred Florence Walford, pic-ture dealer: born Tatsfield, Sur-rey 10 June 1907; married Richard Edward Arnesby Wilson (deceased; one son, two daughters); died Whitesmith, Sussex 29 6

Richard Robinson

Richard Robinson's life may and editing articles for philohave seemed that of a remote sophical journals, writing and gested for such principles. Afwork was actually relevant and highly effective.

His career certainly looked conventional enough. He came from a middle-class family, and went to public school (Repton) and Oxford (Oriel College), where he took a double First in Classical Greats. He studied burg, taught philosophy at Cornell University for nearly 20 years and then back at Oriel College for more than 20 years, and lived quietly in retirement for nearly 30 years. He was happily married for more than 60

Robinson was a successful teacher and administrator, at both Cornell and Oxford, and several generations of philoso-phy students on both sides of the Atlantic owed much to his clarity and commitment. He was also a successful author, writing

Greek philosophy, especially Piato and Aristotle, and also producing his own books - The Province of Logic (1931) and Definition (1950) - which were respected by his peers.

However, Robinson had an influence far beyond the groves of academe through An Atheist's philosophy at Oxford and Mar-burg, taught philosophy at Cor-the Oxford University Press in 1964 and reprinted in paperback by Blackwell in 1975. This is a work of philosophy indeed, but it was written in a popular style as a course of lectures and contains no technical language or abstract speculation.

It is an elegant and eloquent exposition of the aesthetic and ethical values held by a person of intelligence and integrity who stands at the end of 2,500 years of discussion of the subject and who rejects all the supernatural and superhuman

and ineffectual don, but his translating and editing books on ter putting the old question of what is good, it considers various goods (life, beauty, truth, reason, love, conscientiousness), politely but firmly rejects the alleged goods of religion, and ends with a discussion of political goods (state, equality, freedom, tolerance, peace and justice, democracy). An Atheist's Values is one of

the best short accounts of liberalism (a term Robinson accepted) and humanism (a term he ignored) produced during the present century, all the more powerful for its lucidity and moderation, its wit and wisdom. It may now seem old-fashioned, but during those confused alarms of struggle and fight between the ig-norant armies of left and right, thousands of readers must have taken inspiration from Richard Robinson's rational defence of rationalism.

1900; John Doge Edito, techsion property 1946; Jorge Luis Borges, Argentine author, 1986; Alan Jay Lerner, lyricist and playwright, 1986.
On this day: King Charles I's troops

were defeated by Cromwell's army at the Battle of Naseby, 1645; the Var-ican announced that the Index of Pro-

tem ambunices that the thore is rro-hibited Books was abolished, 1966; a ceasefire was agreed in the Falk-lands, 1982. Today is the Feast Day of St Dogmael, St Methodius the Confessor and Saints Valerius and

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr Jeremy Hanley MP, Minister of

State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, hosted a luncheon at

Lancaster House, London SW1, in

honour of a Parliamentary Delega-

tion from the Arab Republic of

Judge Ann Goddard QC, President,

British Academy of Forensic Sci-

ences, yesterday delivered her Presidential Address, entitled "Child

Witnesses", at the Central Criminal

British Academy of

Forensic Sciences

Lectures

Collection", 1pm.

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Robinson: eloquent atheist

sense in the world.

Nicolas Walter

Richard Robinson, philosopher: born Watton, Norfolk 12 April 1902; married 1933 Elizabeth Pestereff; died Oxford 6 May

It is a pity that it is now out of print, when there is still so much nonsense and so little

mats. He had been expected to become Hanoi's first ambassador to Washington or even to succeed as Foreign Minister. In either of these positions, he would have contributed to the process of Vietnam's emergence from its long years of international isolation

A fluent speaker of English, Le Mai first gained experience of the outside world during the early 1970s as a member of the Vietnamese team which held lengthy, arduous negotiations in Paris with the Americans to put an end to their involvement in the war. However, the agreement signed in 1973 did not bring the peace and reconciliation many Vietnamese had hoped for. Nor did Hanoi's eventual victory two years on. Vietnam soon became em-

broiled in another struggle, this

time with neighbouring Cam-

act of self-defence as well as a humanitarian gesture in liberating the Cambodians from the barbarous rule of Pol Pot, Vietnamese diplomats had a hard time over the next decade justifying their country's continuing military presence in Cambodia. It was this issue which put Le Mai's skills to the test. He was appointed Viet-

namese ambassador to Thailand at a time when hostility between the two countries was at its height. Yet, even in the strained atmosphere of Bangkok, he made friends in diplomatic circles and the international press through his non-aggressive handling of the Cambodian issue. His task became easier after 1986 when the leadership in Hanoi adopted a policy of economic reform and more political flexibility. This was a course Le Mai clearly agreed with and

Le Mai, the Deputy Foreign bodia, leading to its invasion of he continued to pursue it on his malise diplomatic relations. At Minister of Vietnam, was one the country in 1978. Although return to Hanoi in 1990 to be the same time Vietnam has Deputy Foreign Ministers. In this role he worked to im-

prove relations with all the

neighbouring countries of South East Asia grouped together in ASEAN (the Association of South East Asian Nations) as well as the United States. In negotiating with Washington, however, the main obstacle proved to be the issue of tracing those American servicemen still listed as missing in action following the end of the war. Once more Le Mai was called upon to exercise great diplomatic tact as one delegation after another from the United States descended on Hanoi demanding information.

Eventually he was to prove successful. Within the past two years, the Clinton administration has agreed to lift the longstanding American trade embargo on Vietnam and nor-

enforce a contract of employ-

ment, either by way of specif-

ic performance or by the

granting of an injunction hav-

ing similar effect. But the

courts had come to recognise

that there might be cases where

either the employer, or more

rarely the employee, was enti-

tled to refuse to accept a

In recent years, the ability of

an employer to refuse to accept

a repudiation had led to a

number of developments. Un-

certainty as to the enforceability

of restrictive covenants had

influenced the introduction of

repudiation.

ASEAN, with many diplomats in the region giving much of the credit for this achievement to the skilful diplomacy of Le Mai. Indeed they would have preferred to see him as Vietnam's Foreign Minister rather than the present somewhat stiff and doctrinaire incumbent.

On the other hand, during the past few years, Le Mai has made no secret of his poor health. Now it has proved fatal and the many friends he has made for Vietnam will be at a loss as to who to turn to, particularly as the country battens down its hatches in preparation for what looks like a very crucial Communist Party Congress.

Judy Stowe

Le Mai, politician: born Hue, Vietnam 1940; married (two children); died Hanoi 12 June

Births. Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

PARR: On 8 June 1996, to Amunda (noie Windsor) and Tun, a son, William James, brother for Tom and Beth. KELSON: On 31 May 1996, to Debe-rah (nee Coburn) and lan, a beauti-ful daughter, Rachel Sarah, a sister for Erama and Richard.

DEATHS

SIMONDS-GOODING: Harry An-SIMONDS-GOODING: Harry Authory, died tragically aged 17 on 10 Inne in Cornwall - the beloved son of Fiona, of Weybridge, and Anthory, of Holmbury St Mary, Brother to Rupert, Lucinda, Dominique, Benedict, George and Sam; stepson of Marjoric and stepbrother of Dan; grandson of Roste and Hamilton and step-grandson of Wendy; uncle to Ezra, Arlo, Thomas and Sage; brother-in-law of Nicky, Ken and Mark, All these and his many, many friends and relations will remember him always. Funeral to be held at midday on Friday 21 June at Clurist, the Prince of Peace Church, Portmore day on Friday II June at Curst, the Prince of Peace Church, Portunore Way, Weybridge, Surrey, Floral trib-utes or donations, if wished, to Macmillan Cancer Relief Young Ap-peal or Surfers Against Sewage (St Agnes, Cornwall) to Lodge Bros, 36 High Street, Weybridge KT13 8AB. Telephone 01932 854758.

von MOTESICZKY: Marie-Louise painter, died suddenly in hospital on 10 June, Friends and family will never forget her marvellous person Funcial service on 20 June at 11.30am at Golders Green Crematorium.
Marie-Louise loved flowers.

For Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS please telephone 0171-293 2011 or fax to 0171-293 2010. Charges are £6.50 a line (VAT extra).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr B. M. L. Smith and Miss K. H. Ryder Richardson

The engagement is announced be-tween Benedict, younger son of Mr Alan Smith, of St John's Wood. London, and Mrs Adele Smith, of Combe, Oxfordshire, and Katie, middle daughter of Mr and Mrs David Ryder Richardson, of Whitchurch, Buckinghamshire.

Birthdays

Sir James Black, pharmacologist, 72; Mr Paul Boateng MP, 45; Dame Florence Cayford, former GLC councillor, 99; Miss Steffi Graf, ten-nis player, 27; Lady Healey, biogra-pher, 78; Mr David LeRoy-Lewis, former chairman, Henry Ansbacher Holdings, 78; Air Marshal Sir Arthur McDanald, 93; Miss Dorothy McGuire, actress, 77; Mrs Yvonne Moores. Chief Nursing Officer and Director of Nursing, Department of Health, 55; Sir Gerrard Peat, char-tered accountant, 76; Mr Jonathan Rahan, novelist and travel writer, 54; Miss Kathleen Raine, poet, 88; Dame Rosemary Rue, former president BMA, 68; Mr Pierre Salinger, politi-cian and journalist, 71; Mr Antony Sher, actor and writer, 47; Mr Nigel Short, chess player, 31; Professor Trevor Smith, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ulster, 59; Mr James Wright, Vice Chancellor, Newcastle-upon-Tyne University, 57; Mr Mike Yarwood, entertainer and impres-

Anniversaries Births: Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni, composer, 1671; Thomas Pennant, traveller and naturalist, 1726; Harrict Beecher Stowe, povelist, 1811; Sam Wanamaker (Samuel Waten-maker), actor, director and produc-Court. Judge Neil Denison QC also spoke. The meeting was chaired by Dr David Jenkins and was followed er, 1919. Deaths: Count Giacomo Leopardi, poet and philosopher. 1837; Jerome Klapka Jerome, writer, by a dinner for members and their guests at the Society of Apothecaries, 1927: Emmeline Pankhurst (née London EC4. Goulden), women's rights champion, 1928; Gilbert Keith Chesterion, au-Royal Society thor, 1936; Maxim Gorky (Alexei Maximovich Pyeshkov), author, 1936; John Logie Baird, television pi-

Sir Martin Wood FRS yesterday de-livered the Royal Society Clifford Paterson Lecture, "Superconductivity will the dream come true?" at the Royal Society, London SW1. Sir John Horlock FRS was in the chair.

Synagogue services Details of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath begins in London at 9.05pm.

United Synangomes: 0171-387 4300. Pederation of Synangomes: 0181-202 2263. Union of Liberal and Progressive Synangomes: 019171-380 1663. Reform Synangomes: 0170-280 1663. Reform Synangomes of Great Britain: 0181-349 4731. Spanish and Portuguase Jews Congregation: 0171-289 2573. New London Synangome (Masorth): 0171-328 1026.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS ROYAL ENGACEMENTS

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of the Shakespeure Globe Unst. vinus Shakespeure;
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Changing of the Guard The Household Creaty Mounted Regiment mounts the Guern's Life Guard at Burne Guards, Linn; for Britalian Welfs Geards mounts the Quern's Guards at Burtleighem Paison, 11.30am, band prevailed by the

Restrictions enforced after 'garden leave'

Ltd v Armstrong and others; Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Hutchison)

An employer was entitled to enforce a restrictive covenant, preventing an employee who had resigned from dealing with or soliciting business from his former clients for a period of six months after the expiry of his notice period, notwithstanding that during that notice period, itself six months, the employee had been put on "garden leave". There was no basis on which the court

could set off the one against the

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the defendants, 10 former employees of the plaintiff, Credit Suisse Asset Management Ltd, against the decision of David Steel QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge on 28 February 1996, who granted the plaintiff an interlocutory injunction enforcing restrictive covenants in the defendants' employment contracts for six months following

their denarture. Patrick Elias QC and Gerard Clarke (Rowe & Maw) for the defendants; Michael Burton QC and Andrew Clarke (Theodore Goddard) for the LAW REPORT

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Lord Justice Nell said the 10 tice that a court would not defendants had worked for the plaintiff in its private clients division. In the summer of 1995 the firm's senior management sought to introduce various changes in the way clients' portfolios were supervised by fund managers. The defendants were unhappy about the changes and on various dates thereafter handed in their notice. They were immediately placed on "garden leave". They continued to be employed by the plaintiff but were not required to undertake any duties in relation to fund

management. It became apparent that the defendants were seeking employment with a rival firm, James Capel & Co Ltd. The plaintiff sought to rely on restrictive covenants controlling the defendants' activities for a period after their contracts of employment had terminated.

The principal issue was whether the plaintiff was entitled to the further six months of protection provided by the restrictive covenant in addition to the six months already provided by the gardening leave.

garden leave clauses. Such clauses enabled employers to obtain protection from competition by people who wished

to leave their employment but who might have confidential information or important contacts with customers or clients which the employer wished to terminate before the end of the notice period. The court's reaction to these

clauses had been more flexible than in the case of restrictive covenants. If a restrictive covenant was found to be valid, as at the date when the contract It was a normal rule of prac- of employment came into ex-

istence, and if there were no other reason to impede its enforcement, it would be enforced according to its terms.

in the case of garden leave clauses, the courts had recognised that they were open to abuse and had exercised a wide discretion when enforcing them, both as to the period of the injunction and as to its scope.

The court could exercise its discretion in deciding the permissible length of garden leave, but if the restrictive covenant was valid the employer was entitled to have it enforced, subject to the usual grounds on which an injunction might be withheld, such as delay and a finding that damages would be an adequate remedy. Moreover, the existence of a garden leave clause might be a factor to be taken into acount in determining the validity of a restrictive covenant as at the date of the contract.

It would have been open to the defendants to try to limit the period during which the garden clause applied; but if the restrictive covenant was valid it had to be enforced. There was no juridical basis on which the court could allow some kind of set off against the period of garden leave.

Paul Magrath, Barrister

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Surprise drop in inflation prompts hopes of rate cut

The sun was shining on Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, yesterday. News of a surprise fall in inflation last mouth prompted City analysts to predict another cut in interest rates as early as next month.
David Mackie, UK economist
at investment bank IP Morgan,
said: "Looking at this week's figures, I'm sure the Chancellor can justify in his own mind another quarter point fall in

base rates in July."
Yesterday's favourable retail price inflation figures followed others earlier in the week showing lower-than-expected inflation at the factory gate in May, along with stable underlying earnings and a fall in manufacturing output in April.

The headline rate of inflation dropped to 2.2 per cent, the lowest since September 1994, from 2.4 per cent in May. The target measure of inflation, which excludes mortgage interest payments, edged down to 2.8 per cent after sticking at 2.9 per cent for three months.

The tax and price index, the broadest indicator of the cost of living, grew at its slowest rate for more than three years in the year to May. It rose by only 0.7 per cent in 12 months, thanks to the income tax cuts that came

into effect in April.
"The outlook for inflation is becoming spectacularly good," said Ian Shepherdson at HSBC Markets, although be thought Mr Clarke might hold out until September before cutting the cost of borrowing again. As sharp increases in the retail prices index last August and September drop out of the 12-month rate, headline inflation should fall further.

The main contributions to last month's decline in the headline rate were lower mortgages and a drop in seasonal food prices. Seasonal foods now cost 0.5 per cent less than a year earlier, having risen significantly culture in the control of the control o nificantly earlier in the year. Lower crop yields due to bad weather conditions are likely to take them higher again, the Office for National Statistics



bacon more than offsetting a small fall in beef prices. However, meat made a negative contribution to the year-on-year inflation rate because poultry

prices were higher last year. Clothing and footwear prices were 1.2 per cent lower than a year earlier, matching the low-est rate since July 1953. Summer sales could put further downward pressure on clothes

Household goods, services and personal goods also helped trim the 12-month inflation rate. The rate of increase in prices of services is at its low-

est for 10 years.

The main upward pressure came from motoring costs. Second-hand car prices rose, hav-

ing fallen last May.

The target measure of inflation, the RPI less mortgage interest payments, declined to 2.8

It remains above the Government's 2.5 per cent target, but most economists predict that it will decline towards the target level later this year.

Further falls in inflation would bring lower interest rates into prospect. Mr Clarke re-ferred to the absence of any cost pressures when he sprang his surprise quarter-point base rate reduction last week. In his speech at the Mansion House finner on Wednesday he said that if he could cut interest rates again without jeopardising the inflation targe, he would.

However, many analysts still think demand will be expanding fast enough by the end of the year to require base rate in-creases next year. "Other indicators such as consumer demand and service industry pay suggest that sustained in-flation below 2.5 per cent is unlikely," said Kevin Darlington, UK economist at Hoare

Financial markets are betting that the level of base rates will start to climb next year. Official figures next week for retail sales and consumer credit in May are expected to confirm



High hopes in the high street: Lower prices and falling interest rates have lit the blue touchpaper for increased consumer spending

Cut-price Asda steals a march on rivals

Archie Norman's price-cutting tactics have made Asda the most improved performer in the supermarket wars. Meanwhile Tesco is continuing to outperform arch-rival Sainsbury's with Safeway back in fourth place.

The trends are indentified in the latest market share figures from AGB, the market research group. They show that in the four weeks to 2 June, Tesco in-creased its UK share to 21.1 per

clear market leader ahead of Sainsbury's, whose share has fallen from 19.1 to 16.6 per cent. Asda has consolidated its position as number three in the market ahead of Safeway with a rise from 10.9 to 12.3 per cent.

It is also understood that Asda's like-for-like sales continue to outperform most in the industry. In the six months to April, comparative sales rose 10.5 per cent. Since April the in-

ternative to its rivals with highprofile campaigns on the price of books, bananas and non-prescription medicines.

As Asda shares rose 2.75p to 120.75p, Tony MacNeary, food retail analyst at Nat West Securities, said: "It is a stunning performance. I'm not sure where the growth is coming from but with figures like these they do not need a loyalty card." Sainsbury's is due to launch

Monday. According to a leaked internal memo, the company will need to increase sales by 2-4 per cent to cover the costs of the card. Tesco's ClubCard required a sales uplift of around 2 per cent to pay for itself.

The Reward card will offer Sainsbury's customers a 1 per cent discount on goods, with one point earned for every £1 spent above £5. This compares with Tesco's minimum of £10. The first set of vouchers will

cent against 20.7 per cent the crease is 12 per cent. Asda has its Reward loyalty scheme on previous year. This makes it the styled itself as the cheaper al-Monday. According to a leaked can be redeemed at branches of can be redeemed at branches of Homebuse and Texas Homecare as well as Sainsbury's supermarkets.

It is understood that the initial card will be a simple discount scheme, though other facilities could be added.

Tesco's ClubCard also started as a straight voucher offer. It has since signed deals with Lunn Poly and B&Q. Last

Kiss FM wins new Yorkshire

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

They'll be dancing to new tunes in Yorkshire following the award last night of the new regional radio licence to Kiss FM, sister of the dance music radio station currently operating in Manchester.

The hotiy contested award by the Radio Authority could revive concerns, however, about the growing concentration of



Dancing in the Dales: One of radio's success stories

national advertising sales, already dominated by MSM, the sale house owned by Capital Radio.

Kiss, owned by a consortium led by Eastern Counties Newspapers and local partners called Faze Two, will use MSM to han-dle its sales, the company confirmed last night. In its original application, it had promised to use IRS, the only real competition, but IRS collapsed earlier this year when media giant Emap moved significant business to MSM.

With the new Yorkshire licence now in the MSM camp, Capital's share, already at 61 per cent, will go much higher, leading to renewed concerns over conditional selling and other

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potential abuses of monopoly position.

The Office of Fair Trading has so far refused at act, arguing that Capital has given assurances that it will not act in an arti-competitive manner.

The Incorporated Society of British Advertisers said last night that its earlier warnings about concentration in the market had gone unheeded. "All I can say tonight is I told you so," John Hooper, the ISBA's director, said.

Guy Hornsby, managing di-rector of Kiss 102 in Manchester, said that a dedicated sales force within MSM would handle the Kiss account in Yorkshire, and dismissed concerns about concentration.

The award to Kiss FM comes just 18 months after the launch of the company's Manchester service, which has proven one of the most successful in commercial radio. The company leases its brand name, Kiss, from Emap, which owns the Kiss 100 dance station in London. Emap will provide some marketing support, but has no equity position in the Yorkshire

licence holder. However, competitors warned last night that the Emap connection could lead to a change in ownership in the fu-ture. If the Kiss brand is so successful in Yorkshire, it won't be long before Emap starts to think about taking the name back," said a senior executive at one of the rival Yorkshire

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SIB bans derivative use to pay for takeovers

The Securities and Investments Board yesterday moved to ban the use of complex derivative instruments as a way of helping bidders pay for takeover costs.

Takeover Panel said that any party to a takeover bid would have to disclose derivatives holdings as if they were shares. The move is aimed at pre-

venting a repeat of last year's furore over Swiss Bank Corporation's use of options to build stakes in Northern Electric and other electricity companies role in helping to determine the

was bidding for Northern, SBC was able to offset its costs through use of "contracts for differences" in Northern shares In a parallel move, the and a number of other electricity companies.

Although the takeover bid subsequently failed, Northern complained bitterly to the Takeover Panel, sparking a 15month inquiry into the use and disclosure of derivatives trading. SIB's involvement as the leading City regulator follows its

in relation to the use of derivatives by their members. The regulator yesterday is-

sued a consultation document which it claimed would introduce greater clarity in the market. Andrew Large, SIB chairman, said: "In the fastmoving and innovative derivacannot do.

"Our aim in producing this guidance is to protect the integrity of the markets and provide valuable predictability for

when advising on a takeover bid by its client. Trafalgar House.

Trafalgar House. abuse of markets, inadvertent as preventing a repeat of the Swiss atives have been used affe well as deliberate.

"By clarifying the regulation of this area, we aim to underpin the market integrity which regulators and the industry are keen to maintain." The new roles mean that

bidders must disclose any pretives market, it is important for firms to know what they can and existing indirect stakes under new Takover Panel requirements when an offer is announced, even if they may not be disclosable under the Com-

A SIB spokeswoman yester-

Bank episode. The document was "forward-looking rather than dwelling on the past". The matter of whether any disciplinary action could or would be

had this document been approved prior to Trafalgar's bid into details at the moment. for Northern Electric, it would not have been possible for document carefully before re-

SBC's use of futures to go sponding directly to the SIB. ahead in the same way.

number of other firms which have complained to the SIB in the past year or so.

An SFA spokesman said: "This is an area that we wanttaken against SBC was a mat-ter for its own regulator, the Securities and Futures Authority. at the moment in a dialogue Regulatory sources said that with SBC which is continuing and I am not in a position to go SBC said it would study the

Barings bosses not to be charged

son, will not face criminal charges in Singapore over the collapse of Barings, Britain's oldest merchant bank.

The Singapore government's Commercial Affairs Department said yesterday that there were "insufficient grounds" to bring charges, bringing its 15-month investigation into Bar-ings, now owned by Dutch financial group ING, to a close.

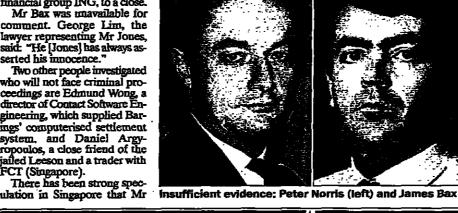
Mr Bax was mavailable for comment. George Lim, the lawyer representing Mr Jones, said: "He [Jones] has always asserted his innocence."

Two other people investigated who will not face criminal proceedings are Edmund Wong, a director of Contact Software Engineering, which supplied Barmgs' computerised settlement system, and Daniel Argy-ropoulos, a close friend of the jailed Leeson and a trader with FCT (Singapore).

James Bax and Simon Jones, the immediate bosses of Nick Lee-with helping Leeson in his unau-

thorised trades. "After careful consideration of all the evidence, the Commercial Affairs Department has recommended to the attorneygeneral that there are insufficient grounds to bring criminal





spokesman said. The findings The inquiry intensified last au have been accepted by Chan Sek tumn following a report from in Keong, the autorney-general. spectors in Singapore that parti-blamed Barings managers for The investigation began immediately after the Barings colthe collapse. lapse, which was caused by

The report accused senio Leeson's unauthorised trading managers at Barings with cov in Asian futures and options that ering up losses on some of the plunged the bank £860m into the trades made by Leeson, who serving six and a half years in jai and preventing internal auditor from probing them.
It specifically mentioned Peter Norris, head of investment

banking in London, and Mr Bar who had his passport confiscat ed by the Singapore authorities The Barings affair has yet to come to a complete close, however. Price Waterhouse, the liq uidators of Baring Futures (Singapore), is suing two lead ing accounting firms for £460m each, alleging negligence prior to the collapse of the bank.

The accounting firms Coopers & Lybrand Singapore and

Deloitte & Touche said las week they would fight the allegations by BFS liquidator Price Waterhouse.

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Southern Electric promises price cuts in water bid battle

Southern Electric yesterday promised price cuts of around £10 a year to customers of Southern Water if its £1.6bn bid for the water supplier is successful. The offer to ameliorate price increases by up to 4 per cent of over the next three years compares with a 3 per cent reduction over two years being offered by rival bidder Scottish Power.

Southern Electric, which also announced it was cutting bills for its own customers by 4 per cent, said it hoped the reductions would set its deal "on the start of the road to clearance" by the water regulator, Ofwat. Henry Casley, chief executive, said: We are not counting any chickens as far as this is concerned. We are optimistic, but not complacent. We will continue the dialogue with the regulator and with the Department of Trade and Industry and hope that leads to eventual clearance."

Scottish Power dismissed the move, which accompanied the publication of Southern Electric's offer document. A spokesman for the Glasgowbased group said: "This document shows Southern Electric's concerns about the competition we will bring to the region. We recognise the importance of a customer dividend. It is interesting to note they are follow-

ing our lead."
Southern Water is already committed to raising its bills by 1 percentage point less than than the 8 per cent over inflation allowed this year by the reg-ulator. The REC says it will continue the water company's policy of keeping prices below MAIN POINTS FROM YESTERDAY'S ELECTRICITY RESULTS

ELECTRICITY

London Electricity: underlying 5 per cent profits fall to £183m disappoints despite promise of real increase in dividends.



Southern Electric: promising to slice £10 a year off Southern Water customers' bills if its bid goes ahead. Says it will cut domestic bills for its own customers. by 4 per cent after decision by Offer to slash the socalled "nuclear levy". Average bill will fall to £265 a



Scottish Hydro: proves its resistance to regulation with underlying profits up 16 per cent to £195m. Continues to raid England, where profits soared a quarter and now represent 28 per cent of the north of Scotland-based group's business.

the permitted level, cutting 4 points off the 20 per cent allowed above inflation by 1999. Southern chairman Geoffrey Wilson claimed in a letter to Southern Water shareholders

that the electricity company's bills had fallen by nearly 13 per cent over the past five years. equivalent to a saving of £40. The documents show that

directors of Southern Electric made substantial option profits in January, with Mr Casley leading the way with a paper

profit of nearly £195,000 on the posed by a Labour government 5.5 per cent to £183m and dis exercise at 446p. He subsequently sold half the resulting ment. Threats of a windfall tax shares at 898p. The bid of £6,311.24 in cash

plus 526 new Southern Electric shares values Southern Water to finance investment, he said.

shares at £10.02, a 5.9 per cent London announced pre-tax premium over Scottish Power's competing offer, the documents

The news came as London Electricity chairman Sir Bob Reid issued a warning that any extra taxation on utilities im-

did not contribute to the stable fiscal environment required to ensure the steady flow of funds

profits of £276m for the year to March, up from £172m before. But stripping out the holding in the National Grid, distributed as a dividend to shareholders last year, and exceptional items, underlying profits were down group Total.

the group said. The improvement has continued into the first part of the current year, with sales increasing by more than 5 per cent. London has made a £4.5m

cent last year, reflecting signs of

revival in the capital's economy,

provision to cover the effect of highly priced North Sea supply contracts on its joint venture gas operation with the French oil

GWR joins battle for new London FM licence

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

GWR's chief executive, Ralph Bernard, said yesterday that the company's struggling Lon-don News Radio associate will apply for the new FM licence for London being advertised by the Radio Authority.

LNR, owned 31 per cent by the Bristol-based GWR commercial radio company, will propose a business and sport format for the new service, which is expected to attract scores of applicants by the deadline of 9 July.

The news emerged as GWR announced interim profits of £2.4m, an 18 per cent increase, on turnover up 50 per cent at £21.3m. The pre-tax figure was deflated by expenses of £690,000 arising from its aborted bid for Radio New Zealand.

"We rate this as a good, solid performance," Mr Bernard said. The fast-growing company is one of commercial radio's success stories, having built up a portfolio of 32 licences, representing just over 14 per cent of total radio audience.

The company's future growth prospects may be stymied by the new Broadcasting Bill, which sets a limit of 15 per cent of total market share for any com-pany. As a result, GWR has looked overseas in recent months, buying Prospect Radio in New Zealand, and expanding in eastern Europe.

We think there are other op-portunities in the Asia Pacific as well," Mr Bernard said. The UK strategy will contin-

ue to be based on consolidating its position as one of the six main commercial radio companies. Mr Bernard said he

would seek to "rationalise licences" in the coming months. as it did by selling a direct stake in Isle of Wight radio this year.

Despite the limits imposed on radio companies, GWR plans to apply for at least three regional licences this year, including East Midlands. The company has yet to win a single new licence since the Radio Authority began the post-1990 round of awards. It has grown, instead, by acquisition.

GWR, through a joint venture, was also an applicant in the bid for the Yorkshire regional licence, which yesterday went to Kiss 102 FM.

Mr Bernard said GWR and its London News Radio partners, including Daily Mail & General Trust and Reuters, plan to relaunch the company's two services, one each on FM and AM, in the autumn.

3,000 shipbuilding jobs at risk as ' SEL Barrow seeks new work

Up to 3,000 shipbuilding jobs more than half the workforce at VSEL Barrow will be lost in the next three years unless major new work is secured, Brian George, the company's chief executive, warned

yesterday.

He said the company, which was recently acquired by GEC, was investing in new processes and equipment and must aim for a reduction in costs of 30 per

Staff were told that the management expected a big change in working practices at the yard as work on the Trident subma-

rine contract comes to an end, and the company focuses on getting new submarine and surface vessel contracts. Mr George said: "We must

line up the terms and conditions of this yard with other yards with which we have to compete. The next step is to agree through the new culture and with the big investments we are

making in new processes and

new equipment to agree the way forward in terms of reducing our cost base by about 30 per cent."

line. "We intend to win quite a lot of work. Unfortunately no one owes us a living, and my first task is to make sure that as a whole we are competitive," the chief executive said.

Alan Robson, a union representative, said: "The workers are far from being optimistic because they have seen the massive reduction in the VSEL establishment with its worldclass technology and worldclass workforce. Now the workers are being told 'Your Unions at the yard were left in no doubt yesterday that the of 5,000 being out of a job and company would adopt a hard all that expertise being lost."

IN BRIEF

• London and Merchant Securities, the property and investment group, increased profits by 40 per cent to £49.4m in the year to 30 March. LMS realised a profit of £18.7m last July by reducing its holding in the leisure group First Leisure from 15 per cent to 7 per cent. The results also included a £4.1m expense, part of losses incurred when LMS lost a £170m legal action against the four shareholders of BSky3 last November. LMS is still negotiating how much it will eventually pay. Net rental income rose by 5.4 per cent to £34.4m despite a lack of rental growth in the office sector. LMS has expanded the retail side of its portfolio to 28 per cent in response and has invested £20m in the shopping arcades group Arcadia. It has also bought half of Clearwater Estates, a leisure park developer.

 Royal Bank of Scotland's US subsidiary, Citizens Financial, has agreed to acquire Farmers & Mechanics Bank for \$53m (£35m) cash. Farmers, a state-chartered savings bank headquartered in Middletown, Connecticut, has assets of \$540m, and 12 branches in south-eastern Connecticut. Following completion of the deal, expected at the end of 1996, Farmers will be merged with Citizens Bank of Connecticut, which has assets of about \$750m and 18

• Spring Ram Corporation has agreed a letter of intent to sell its UK door and window making business, Crosby, to Premdor of Canada for an undisclosed sum. Crosby, which includes the Regency Doors business, makes interior and exterior residential and architectural doors, windows and veneer products at four factories.

• City Technologies plans to raise £37.4m through the placing of 25.968 million shares, representing 53 per cent of the company's enlarged share issue capital. The company will place the shares at 175p each, valuing it at £85,2m. City Technologies says the placing price represents a price to earnings multiple of 20.91 times. Dealing is expected to commence on 20 June.

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Cada loss (F)	13.2m (11.6m)	0 65m; (0.77m)	13.34p (12.18p)	24p (-)		
Daily Mail (f)	477m (418m)	41.0m (38.3m)	25 9p (27.1p)	4.6p (4.3p)		
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GWR Greep (A)	21.3m (14.2m)	2.43m (2.06m)	2.30 (2.60)	1.07p (0.94p)		
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Hicking Pestacost (F)	85.9m (70.7m)	8.4m (4.52m)	20.7p (16.2p)	6.5p (5.3p)		
Johnson Matthey (F)	2.53bn (2.18bn)	102m (95.4m)	34 4p (32.9p)	14.5p (13.5p)		
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Scapa Group (F)	526m (437m)	62.3m (46.1m)	17.7p (12.2p)	6.68p (-)		
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DMGT looks forward with multimedia skills

eral Trust very definitely falls into the former category. It owns the Cadillacs of the mid-market national newspaper market with the Daily Mail and its sister title the Mail on Sunday and has a brilliant range mer category. It owns the Cadillacs of the day that due diligence is about to start on a second US buy worth around \$100m group's dependence on the more mature uses of the precious metal and using the mon another in the next week or so. FKI of regional newspapers grouped under the Northcliffe subsidiary.

But there is a big price to pay to reach and maintain market dominance in the cutthroat newspaper market. That much was made painfully clear yesterday, when DMGT disappointed the City with flat interim earnings and a warning of continuing tough conditions for the bulk of 1996. The shares slumped 62p to £14.78.

There were two culprits in the Mail's case. The first was unavoidable, and has affected all newspaper groups: high newsprint costs. These charged ahead by 28 per cent year-on-year, and will affect profits through the next six months, al-

though costs look set to moderate at last.
The other was voluntary. DMGT has
made a conscious decision to build its brands, and has spent freely - perhaps £7m - to do so. With reinvigorated competition from the struggling Express group following its parent's merger with Lord Hollick's MAI, the Mail has resolutely courted new readers. The costs of wooing former customers of Today were especially high. A few investors were clearly spooked by

the flattish pre-tax profit figure of £41m in the six months to May, which was way below analysts' estimates. But the mood among City followers was more relaxed. While analysts were busy lowering their estimates for the current year, the future actually looks quite bright. The high promotional spend has obviously brought in readers, although it has yet to bring much

increase in advertising revenues. But this is bound to happen. As a result, 1997 is likely to look robust.

DMGT has also cleverly extended its marketing and promotional skills into other media, not least its successful Euromoney publications; a 17 per cent share in ITV company Westcountry; a stake in Tele-text; a slew of radio investments and the embyronic network of local television stations known as Channel One. The future of newspapers is obviously in doubt - indeed, the business has been in gentle decline for years - and DMGT's investments in radio and television will be a welcome addition to the bottom line within a few years. If Channel One actually takes off and the jury is definitely still out - then the company will have found its new cash cow, In the interim, full-year profits, now ex-pected to be around £90m, put the shares

earnings. But that could fall to 17 in the following year. Hold. FKI set to go on buying spree

on a pricey multiple of 26 times expected

Sentiment towards FKI, the engineering to window furniture group, has been af-fected by its failure to make good the promise of further acquisitions that accompanied last June's £137m rights issue. But all that is about to change. The £39.2m purchase earlier this month of Wright Products, a US maker of door hardware.

likely eventually to top £300m.

Jeff Whalley, chairman, revealed yesteris also down to the final shortlist of three in the auction for a big European buy. Success in all three would use the group's entire £300m-odd spending facilities, which included net cash of £53.4m in March, but add turnover of around £400m or close to 50 per cent of the current total.

What Mr Whalley and his team could do with those deals is demonstrated by yesterday's results. Stripping out the £12.2m loss on engineering disposals last time, profits rose a third to £90.1m in the 12 months to March. The figures got a boost from Amdura, the US lifting tackle group acquired last year, which chipped in £13.2m in its first 11 months, but saw margins quadruple to 10 per cent in that period, even after £1.5m of redundancy costs.

Apart from Amdura, the two stars were the engineering and automotive divisions. Now stripped back to a number of niche transformer and switchgear operations, profits almost doubled to £15.7m and the order book is up a fifth.

Meanwhile, the world-leading auto-motive cables division shrugged aside a \$2m hit as a result of the General Motors strike to record profits a third higher at £11.7m. Hardware is seeing signs of a pickup in housing starts in North America and will this year be without £2.5m of restructuring costs in Germany.
On Nat West's upgraded profits forecast

of £108.5m this year, the shares, up 18p at 179p, stand on a forward price-earnings ratio of 14. With organic growth, recov-ery and acquisition prospects in view, the shares are still good value.

Johnson Matthey refines itself

Turnover by activity

world's largest gold refiner and the pio-neer of platinum-based catalytic con-premium to the market, Hold.

Family-controlled companies can be either could mark the start of a spending spree verters, but the business is gradually terrific or atrocious, but Daily Mail & Gen-likely eventually to top £300m. changing. Though platinum still runs through 75 per cent of the business,

The more mature applications include the distribution and marketing of the metal and its use in catalytic converters, though there is some growth left in supplying diesel car catalysts.

The main growth opportunities are in biomedical applications, such as anti-cancer treatments, ceramics and electronic materials used in the manufacture of micro-chips and semiconductors. From next to nothing five years ago, these three businesses account for 40 per cent

of IM's earnings. The past year has seen good progress in this direction after two sizeable acquisitions. Last August, JM acquired Advance Circuits, an American manufacturer of printed circuit-boards, for £109m. This March it paid £27m for the circuit-board operations of Cray Research, another US group. The deals were funded by a £117m

rights issue, the first cash call in 10 years. The wisdom of the diversification policy is underlined by last year's results.

Though pre-tax profits edged up 6 per cent to £102m in the year to March, all the divisions improved their contribution apart from catalytic converters. Here the loss of a General Motors contract at the beginning of 1995 meant profits slumped 24 per cent to £26m. Though the traditional precious metals trading business saw profits nudge 9 per cent higher at £44.6m, the new businesses performed more strongly. Electronic materials increased profits

y 36 per cent to £25.5m. ACI, the new US purchase, contributed £4.2m in six months. Cookson Matthey Ceramics, the ioint venture with the Cookson group, also had a good year, improving profits by 54 per cent to £24m.

The five-year transformation of Johnson Matthey has been reflected in the share price which has risen from 285p to yes-Johnson Matthey is best known as the Johnson Matthey is best known as the profits of £124m this year, the shares are Daily Mail and General Trust: at a glance

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The Corporation of London is certainly busy. A letter

The Lord Mayor drops a Mansion House clanger

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

Collette Bowe, head of the Personal Investment Authority, was enjoying the Lord Mayor's speech at the Mansion House the other night. Until, that is, the Lord Mayor, John Chalstrey, started talking about the City's continuing ability to attract overseas investment and business. Listing a series of the City's attractions, the Lord Mayor concluded with "the lightness

of its regulatory touch This induced a sharp intake of breath from Ms Bowe, followed by a grimace and a forced smile. Perhaps the Lord Mayor should bear in mind that, on such occasions, he is addressing the gamekeepers as well as the

poachers.

of London Electricity and a in high dudgeon over the Labour Party's threatened windfall tax on the profits of

Sir Bob Reid, the chairman

To illustrate his ire, Sir Bob describes a meeting between Michael Faraday, the great Victorian scientist, and Gladstone, the then Prime Minister.

Faraday explains his exciting discoveries involving electricity, at which point Gladstone asks: "Yes. but what use is it?"

To which the eminent scientist answers: "I don't know, Prime Minister, what use it is - but I'm sure you'll find a way of taxing it."



And if you need a pint: Discovery Inns, the pub operating group, has bought the Fisherman's Cot at Bickleigh in Deyou for £1.5m. The pub, on the banks of the River Exe by Bickleigh Bridge, is reputed to have been the location that inspired Paul Simon to write Bridge Over Troubled Water.

reaches us saying: "The City of London Cemetery and Crematorium throws open its doors for its third annual open day next month." Over 6,000 grave-spotters attended last year's event, which included tours of Europe's largest cemetery at Manor Park, near Wanstead. Tour guides will be on hand to point out the final resting place of Jack the Ripper's first two victims. A charming way to spend a summer's day.

Congratulations to Adrian Luckham, poached from Unilever to become the new UK managing director of Douwe Egberts, the Dutch coffee producer. Adrian sees the company's key task as "helping retailers to drive roast and ground sector growth. consolidate existing distribution and increase shelf offtake. via a highly creative marketing strategy carried out by a tight entrepreneurial team." I think he means sell more coffee.

Andrew Young, chairman of the General Insurance Council, and managing director of NFU Mutual, boasted at a council meeting that his company could make a killing at the bookies by correctly naming the Scotland line-up for Saturday's England match.

demerger .

Scotland has been using NFU's sports ground near Stratford for its training base during the Euro 96 tournament, and NFU staff know exactly who is in and who is our But after much soulsearching, says Mr Young, NFU decided to keep this knowledge to itself.

Meanwhile the company's actuaries have been analysing Scotland matches going had to 1924 and concluded that the score on Saturday will be 1-1. As a patriotic Scot Mr Young is convinced the Sassenachs will be defeated. "I'm telling the actuaries that they've got it wrong," he told the meeting. A voice rang out from the back: But don't actuaries always forecast the result of the game after it's finished?"

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Without effective barriers between corporate finance and

trading operations, the integrated house becomes essentially corrupt. Privileged information becomes no more than the tool

of a no-holds-barred

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Gobbledygook, Chinese walls and the SIB As an exercise in gobbledygook, yester-day's fifteen-pager from the Securities amounted to insider dealing. Corporate bidders are exempt from normal insider companies. All of them were quite out of companies. All of them were quite out of companies. rivatives during takeover bids takes some beating. It fair makes the head spin, even for those of us who think we know a little about

financial markets. The central finding reads thus: "A firm should not use derivatives to enable a customer to buy or sell an indirect stake where the firm knows or has reason to believe that, as a result of inside information, the customer could not properly buy or sell an indirect stake on the open market." So now we know. Translated into plain English, what this

appears to mean is that action taken by Swiss Bank Corporation in helping its client, Trafalgar House, defray the costs of bidding for Northern II. for Northern Electric nearly two years ago, is illegal – "is" being the operative word here for that is not what the law actually says, it is what SIB believes it should say. What makes this document doubly incomprehensible is that at no point does it refer to the Swiss Bank case. "No, no, no," says SIB. "The document does not relate to any particular case. It is merely meant as guidance for future reference". Dear, oh dear. The

lawyers really have got to them, haven't they. We're not subject to any such constraints so here's an attempt to decipher the SIB's pearls of wisdom. When Trafalgar House bid for Northern Electric, it helped pay the costs by having Swiss Bank set up "contracts for that something was afoot. Swiss Bank differences" in a number of electricity fiercely denies this but it did later transpire

dealing rules. The law allows them to buy shares in a target company knowing that they are eventually going to bid at a higher price. What Swiss Bank did was construct some derivative instruments which gave Trafalgar an economic interest in the Northern share price and that of a number of other elec-tricity companies, but it didn't actually buy the shares. The Takeover Panel considered the matter last year and concluded that this was not a case of insider dealing since buying a derivative is not much different from buying the physical stock. The SIB takes a different view. Buying a derivative is just a way of making money, says SIB, and in cir-cumstances like these it is a one-way bet. As a consequence, the exemption shouldn't apply, claims SIB. A derivative doesn't help further the aim of control, the purpose of

the insider dealing exemption. There were a number of other related matters raised by the Northern bid. One is whether the Chinese walls used by integrated securities houses to separate highly pricesensitive corporate finance matters from the prying eyes of fast-buck traders actually mean very much. The suspicion is that in placing the contract for differences with market-makers, corporate finance effectively forewarned Swiss Bank's trading operation

proportion to those that might be expected in the ordinary course of market-making. In effect the bank was proprietary trading in these stocks only it was using market-making privileges to forestall disclosure.

The SIB view of these related matters is

that if you ban the original derivative transaction, or what it calls the root cause of the "mischief", then the Chinese walls issue becomes irrelevant since there would be no holes through which to peek. In so doing, however, it takes an interesting little dig at the whole idea of the integrated securities house. "We need to recognise that modern risk management systems, which are understandably designed to enable an integrated bouse to manage its risk in an integrated way, may cut across, and compromise, the ability of a Chinese wall to maintain a separation between different functions". Just what is the SIB saying here? If Chinese walls don't work, which is the implication, then the whole concept of the integrated securities house falls. Without effective barriers between corporate finance and trading operations, the integrated house becomes essentially corrupt. Privileged information becomes no more than the tool of a no-holds-barred trading operation. No wonder the SIB feels the need to con-

sult, which apparently it is not obliged to, on matters like these. While many smaller

analysis and prescription, the hig nattalions of the City with their all-powerful securities trading operations will feel not a little threatened by SIB's strictures. The dovetailing of traded securities with corporate finance activity is not a phenomenon confined to Swiss Bank, however aggressive this particular house has been in its application. All the big players do it to some extent nowa-days. Gobbledygook, this might be, but it is important gobbledygook nonetheless. It could provoke quite a fight.

Kissing – and not making up – on radio

Radio may still be a bit of an after-thought as far as the big media players are con-cerned but that doesn't stop it suffering from some of the industry's worst afflictions. It is just as riddled with hig egos and false gossip as TV and newspapers. No decision by a government quango will ever be accepted with grace. So it has proved with the Inde-pendent Radio Authority's award of the hoth-contested Yorkshire regional licence yesterday, which went to Kiss FM.
Rivals immediately cried foul - confi-

dentially, of course, for many of them will be lining up again for the East Midlands licence and the hottest property of them all,

investment banks and pure corporate finance houses are going to find themselves wholeheartedly in support of the SIB's time they have a point. The winning consortium is going to use the MSM national sales house, which already controls 61 per cent of the national market. The Radio Authority has in the past expressed concern about MSM's market dominance, but plainly it was not enought to make an issue of when

awarding the Yorkshire licence. Still, the award to a youth-orientated dance station shows encouraging signs of development at the authority, once ridiculed as old-fashioned and lacking in market savy. Dance was identified as the format that would broaden choice and be financially viable. We did not, thankfully, see a repeat of the Viva syndrome - the award of a licence to a format that didn't stand a chance. Nor did we see another example of awarding licences to small, local players, who have subsequently been bought out by the

big players, anyway.

The authority still has its romanties, of course. There are still board members who don't like the big boys of the industry - Capital, GWR, Emap and Chrysalis. But they are beginning to see that enhancing "fair and effective competition" - one of their main criteria - does not necessary mean excluding those with the nous to succeed. Progress of sorts then, but it's a shame the authority didn't feel it necessary to consider the effects on fair competition of yet a further concentration of sales power at MSM.

Storehouse sells Blazer to Moss Bros for £7.1m

Moss Bros, the menswear retailer, acquired a nice line in casual wear yesterday when it paid Storehouse £7.1m for Blazer, the chain of 28 men's cloth-

Moss Bros, which is better ble the number of stores to around 50, which will include more branches outside its London and South-east stronghold. don and South-east stronghold.
Currently there are no Blazer stores in cities such as Birmingham, Leeds and Sheffield:
"You've got to go where the action is," said Moss Bros chief executive Rowland Gee.
More lower-price items will be added as well as "formal corners", that will sail digner.

ners" that will sell dinner jackets. Blazer's own brand,
De Havilland, will be emphasised, though some up-market brands such as designer jeans may be added.

Mr Gee said Moss Bros was buying Blazer to complement its Moss Bros, the Suit Company and Cecil Gee, all dominated by formal wear. Moss Bros had been tipped as a possible buyer for Austin Reed, the up-market retailer whose shares have been rising strongly in recent months.

Casual wear is a growing market and Blazer is a very strong casual wear brand, particularly in the 25-54 age group, Mr Gee said.

Blazer was founded in London's Covent Garden in the early 1980s by David Krantz, who now runs Racing Green. It was acquired by Storehouse. which was then run by Sir Terence Conran. It has always struggled to make a profit and last year recorded profits of just £400,000 on sales of £14.8m.

Moss Bros is only acquiring he stores, stock and staff of the business and not the head office, warehouse or other systems. With lower central costs and more lower-priced items to increase shopper traffic, Moss Bros hopes to improve the roup's financial performance. Moss Bros has financed the deal through a placing of 622,807 new shares.

Storehouse has been looking to sell the company as it con-



Dressing down: Rowland Gee, chief executive of Moss Bros

centrates on BhS and Mothercare. It first put the chain up for sale in 1992 but failed to find a

buyer at an attractive price. Storehouse will book a £5.1m exceptional charge on the deal. representing a goodwill writeoff from the original purchase.

Storehouse chief executive Keith Edelman received total pay of £910,000 last year, boosted by a £384,000 long-term bonus. This compares with a

Storehouse shares added 7p to total of £610,000 the previous 325p. Moss Bros fell 32p to year. Group development director Steve Bedford saw his pay jump from £436,000 to £556,000, due to a £306,000 bonus. Finance director Dick Steele's pay rose from £294,000 to £378,000.

Photograph: Jane Baker

Bayer admits drugs demerger option

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Bayer, the German chemicals group, yesterday admitted that it was considering the option of spinning off its pharmaceuticals business as part of a merger deal. The trail for such a move was blazed three years ago when Imperial Chemical Industries demerged its Zeneca drugs and

agrochemicals divisions. A spokesman for Bayer said that although there were no immediate plans to demerge the pharmaceutical arm, this was one of the options the company may consider.

We want to strenghten our health-care business through internal as well as external crowth, and a spin-off is one of many options", he said.

The comment came after strong speculation earlier this week that the German group could spin off the drugs division. prior to a merger with a rival. Bayer's finance director, Helmut Loehr, was reported in the press as saving: "We are looking for candidates, but haven't found anybody who meets our

criteria. However, a company spokesman warned yesterday that the comments "should not be misunderstood to be a precursor to an announcement of immediate

He added: "Loehr merely spoke of options and spinning off the drugs business could be one such option, but there are no concrete plans to do anything like this immediately. Currently all the talk is merely hypothetical."

Bayer's shares were, howevcr, excited by the rumour, jumping nearly 3 per cent in early trading yesterday. The moves follow hints dropped earlier this year by Jürgen Dormann, chairman of Hoechst, a rival German chemicals group, that it was ready to consider spinning

off its drugs business.
Since the Zeneca demerger. there have been a number of huge takeovers and mergers in the pharmaceuticals industry.

The sharpest rises were 48.4 per cent in Norway.

IN BRIEF

• The Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro) has fined Crédit Suisse Investment Funds (UK) £38,000 for incorrect pricing of unit trusts, failure to maintain adequate accounting and other records, and failure to maintain effective compliance arrangements. Imro said the breaches occurred be-tween June 1994 and March 1995. Compensation of around £36,000 has been paid by CSIF to 899 unit-holders, and CSIF has paid £18,500 into the unit trusts. It has also waived £23,500 due to it arising from the calcuation of unit trust prices. Imro said. CSIF is also to pay Imro's costs of £16,500.

• Retail sales in the US rose 0.8 per cent in May, and only 0.3 per cent excluding auto sales. The increase was less than expected, and, along with a 6,000 rise in new claims for jobless benefit to 360,000 last week, suggested the revival in growth is less than some investors had started to fear. Even so, the Treasury bond market fell, continuing its recent weakness related to fears of rising

The dispute between Eastman Kodak and Fuji Photo Film is being referring by the US to the World Trade Organisation. The announcement by Charlene Barshelsky, acting US trade representative, follows a year-long investigation into allegations by Kodak that the Japanese government colluded with Fuji Film to limit Kodak's market access to the Japanese photographic supply market. Ms Barshefsky said the US had determined that the Japanese government "built, supported and tolerated a market structure that thwarts foreign competition, and in which exclusionary business practices are commonplace".

 New car registrations in western Europe increased 5.8 per cent in May to 1,167,900 from 1,103,400 a year earlier, according to the European car makers' association ACEA. Registrations in the EU countries rose 5.9 per cent to 1,126,500, while registrations in the two Efta countries were up 4.8 per cent to 41,700. The sharpest rises were 48.4 per cent in Ireland, 43.8 per cent in

Motor premiums set to increase

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Motor insurance premiums look set to edge up in the coming year after insurers said yes-terday that competition for business meant that they risked osing money on the policies they sold.

But holders of household insurance policies were offered a small ray of hope that the downward trend in the cost of their cover is set to continue, the Association of British Insurers

John Carter, chairman of the ABI, the industry's trade body, said: "General insurance policyholders have received major benefits from an extremely competitive insurance market over the past two or three years in terms of lower premium and improved cover. I am not sure that can

The ABI's warning of higher prices for car drivers came as it. released figures showing that the industry made overall losses of £34m in the UK market last year on premiums of £5.94ba. profit on income of £6.37bn in in 1995 from £950m the previ-1994. in 1995 from £950m the previ-ous year.

The trade body yesterday at-tributed the bulk of the premium fall to the scramble for business among insurers.

cluding household insurance, profits also dropped substantially in the UK, down to £403m

A large slice of the profits downturn followed the cold

ous year.

On the non-motor side, in-

winter weather, mainly in Scotland, which has so far led to claims worth £320m. Many more claims, mainly for business interruption, have yet to be



This compared with a £297m 'An unpredictable business': Mark Boleat of the ABI

Mark Boleat, director general of the ABI, said yesterday: "Premiums fell in many other classes of husiness, while insurance companies achieved

good profits. "Loss prevention measures played a major part in achieving this satisfactory position. However, insurance is sometimes an unpredictable business, as shown by the significant in-creases in subsidence and win-

ter damage claims. Insurers have tried to smooth out some of the losses by including much of the payments made so far in last year's accounts, where they have been buried by large profits reported at the time. But some said yesterday that if last year's hot summer repeats itself, subsidence claims will rise even further.

Separately, life insurance companies reported an end in sight to the poor sales that have bedevilled the industry in the past three years.

Net premium income in the

UK for life and pensions business reached £44bn, up 3 per

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glomerates that seemed capa-ble of sweeping all before it, fell to its lowest for nearly four years as worries grew about

current year's profits. The shares were knocked 3.5p to 265.5p in busy trading. But it was the 1995/96 warrants that demonstrated just how disenchanted the stock market has become with the group born out of the old Birmingham Tyre & Rubber Co.

The warrants, once 140p, fell to a 14p low. They are bordering on worthless, offering

BTR, once one of the con-still outstanding it could have expected an inflow of around

The weakening shares must put a question mark over the group's chances of such a windfall. Even the 1997 warrants, down to a low of 25.5p look perilously close to the borderline with their £350m in-

jection in jeopardy.
And 1998 warrants, at 8p with a switch price of 405p, are either one of the best bets in the market or a dead loss. For years BTR's profits

moved majestically ahead al-though last year's peak of £1.5bn was rather less than expart of BTR life.

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of the year

index fell 7.5 points at 3,761.7. The projected Footsie new-comers achieved modest cele-Suggestions that year's profits will emerge at around £1.38bn are one of the eroding bratory gains. Orange, which influences. There is also a has yet to make a profit, rose 3p to 252.5p; Next 2p to 558p and United News & Media ended just 1p higher at 707p. growing feeling BTR should do a Hanson - admit the conglomerate days are numbered and shoot for a break-up deal. However Hanson's obvious market about the merits of its demerger could be enough to

port but Cookson, the industrial materials group, gave up 13p to 307p as Henderson Crosthwaite nudged its forecast down by £5m to £210m. The securities house believes the shares are a buy below 300p.

Prudential Corporation im-proved 6.5p to 418.5p as SBC Warburg offered support following an investment presentation and Glazo Wellcome continued to score from the Barclays de Zoete Wedd re-rat-

Vickers, ahead of a presentation last night, firmed 1p to

Conglomerate image hammers BTR to four-year low sponsoring stockbroker, Hen-derson Crosthwaite, priced the shares rather more accurately

than when there is a soar-away reaction. Polymasc Pharmaceuticals fell 5p to 169p despite a positive presentation. A spin-off from London's Royal Free Hospital medical school, it arrived late last year at 100p.

The company, it seems, is scheduled to make a smaller loss than forecast, around £350.000 against £600,000. A licence agreement should be clinched with a US group soon which could bring in around £500.000.

Polymasc is experiencing a rush of outside interest following its appearance on AIM and has registered more patents in six months than in the previous three years when it was a Royal Free branch. With £3.6m in the bank it is one of the biobabes not in desper-

Ofex, the share market created by market maker John Jenkins, vesterday recruited its 100th constituent - Daniel Thwaites, a near 200-year-old Blackburn brewer with 420 pubs and a hotel chain which includes London's Stafford in St James's Place. At its 375p opening price it is valued at

£72.5m. The flow of Ofex newcomers continues. Woodstock, a 46-strong pubs chain is hoping to raise £600,000, selling shares at 20p and Robotic Technology Systems is at-tempting the higgest Ofex

cash call yet - a £2m issue. Its parent, Finascrew of Finland, has developed a system to grind propellers which is said to be much quicker and more accurate than traditional methods. RTS will spearhead an internaitonal sales and marketing drive. About 30 per cent of the com-pany is being sold at 20p.

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Predatory proprietors revel in a tussle with the law

Did you read the Times on Monday? At just 10p you could pick up several with the loose change from a packet of cigarettes. Of course Mr Murdoch is not making a profit from his latest gimmick - but keeping the daily cover price at 20p wasn't too profitable either, and he kept that up for 16 months. For all the rise in prices at the end of last year, it seems that the newspaper cover-price war is back with us once more.

Mr Murdoch's News International has been accused of unethical and anti-competitive behaviour, subsidising price cuts with profits earned elsewhere in order to bully and destroy other competitors.

Predatory pricing, it's called.
The Office of Fair Trading disagrees. Called in to investigate when the Times and the Telegraph cut their prices in the summer of 1994 the then director general, Sir Bryan Carsberg, concluded that there was nothing to worry about.

It would be easy to see this as another British failure to enforce competition. Could it be that we should change our method for catching predators - perhaps along US or Eu-

ropean lines? Sadly it isn't as easy as that. There is, in Sir Bryan's words, "a fine line between aggressive competition and predatory behaviour. No matter how tough your laws, it can often be hard to distinguish between the two. And no matter how malign you may believe Mr Murdoch's intentions, it's almost impossible to pin anything on

Predatory pricing is a problem for competition authorities because in the end it is anti-competitive. Big dominant companies cut their prices to get rid of a small irritating competitor. Although both make losses



in the short run, the big gry has the financial resources (the deep pockets) to hold out for longer, and the smaller company is pushed out of business. The most effective and ef-ficient predation is swift and silent; competitors will decide quickly that they cannot win, and quietly bale out

another expensive battle - perhaps because it is costly for someone new to enter the market, or because the ruthless reputation of the incumbent is too intimidating. They need also to believe they can prey covertly, without the OFT or the Monopolies and Mergers Commission catching to cut their losses. Or - if they are potential competitors - they will not enter the market at all. Having dealt

Occasions when the strategy works to get rid of existing companies are limited

sate for those earlier losses. The consumer ends up with less choice and higher prices.

Luckily for that put-upon con-sumer, the occasions when predation works to get rid of existing compa-nies are extremely limited. Aggressive price wars in practice are often risky and counter-productive. If the deep pockets itself, it might decide to call the predator's bluff. And even if the victim retreated, bloodied, what would stop someone else entering the market and starting the whole chain all over again?

Companies considering predatory strategies need to feel confident that they won't topple straight into

In the circumstances you might expect to see little evidence of predawith the young whipper-snapper, the big bruiser can raise its prices - and tory behaviour in practice at all. Not so. Thanks to bus deregulation in the mid-Eighties, those double-deckers its profits - once more to compen-

> and mini-buses have been at it like crazy in towns across the country. Of the eight OFT reports dealing with predation between 1988 and 1995, seven were on buses. From Inverness to Darlington, Fife to Southend-on-Sea, bus companies have engaged in

> achieve market dominance and push each other off the streets. When the OFT reported on Dar-lington buses last year, it concluded that United Bus - unlike the Times -was guilty of predatory pricing.

> Darlington routes, United Bus went

all kinds of furious strategies to

For a start, United was pursuing a strategy which increased its losses. When Your Bus, a new company, started up minibuses on certain

ballistic. Although it didn't cut tick-et prices, it did stuff the streets with

But this in itself is not enough to find Mr Murdoch (or United) guilty of predatory behaviour. Loss-making strategies can still be competitive if they are designed to push up demand for the product to profitable levels, regardless of what anyone else is do-ing. Suppose, for example, the cheap Times on Monday pushes sales up throughout the week, it could be a legitimate strategy for reducing loss-es - a "loss leader", as it is sometimes known. Similarly the OFT adjudicated that the Times' original price

So the OFT goes searching for further evidence. The next important question is whether the companies really have market power to ma-nipulate. United clearly was a dom-mant player, with its 45 per cent of Darlington bus rides. The Times has only 28 per cent of the broadsheet market - 12 per cent if you include the Express and the Mail. Even if the Independent was pushed out alto-

extra buses of its own. According to the allegations, United minibuses even hung out on street corners to nip out in front of an on-coming Your Bus and nick all the passengers at the next bus-stop. The OFT calculated that running the extra 13 buses cost United over £10,000 a month.

So far the Times would seem as guilty as United. It too increased its losses with the 20p cover price although circulation rose from 358,000 in 1993 to around 660,000 today. And Mr Murdoch is certainly losing money on the 10p Monday edition. After all, the Times has to pay 10.4p for every copy to retailers and wholesalers.

Apr '93 readers, it would still only eat up 17 per cent of the larger market. This, for Sir Bryan Carsberg, was decisive in showing that Rupert Murdoch could not be guilty of predatory priccuts were a legitimate strategy to boost circulation in the face of coning. If one newspaper had indeed been knocked out of the game, Sir Bryan believed competition from the remaining papers would not allow the Times to make "supra-normal"

> terwards anyway.
> In other words, as far as the OFT was concerned, predatory pricing was not a feasible strategy in the broadsheet newspaper market. The evidence appears to prove it right, if for different reasons. Price, it appears,

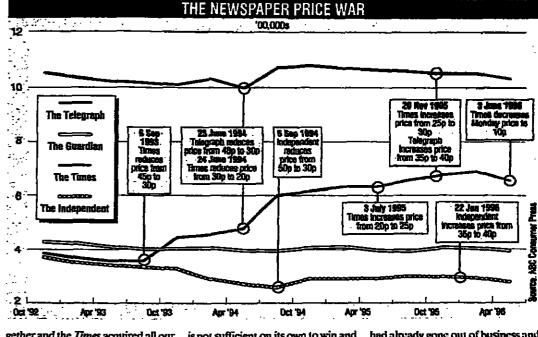
profits by pushing prices up high af-

is not sufficient on its own to win and keep readers. The Independent still survives. The Daily Telegraph - per-haps the real target or Mr Murdoch's price cuts - still sells more than a mil-lion copies each day.

So why does he keep on cutting, if he isn't making profits and he isn't pushing anyone else out of the picture? Who knows? The fact that we can't pin predatory behaviour on him is because it isn't working. It is not because our competition policy is in-adequate. Should things change in the newspaper industry in future, however, the real failing in current policies on predatory pricing may become apparent. By the time the OFT

had already gone out of business and the entire market had changed. Were a Times predatory pricing strategy really to prove effective, a competitor could be long gone before the OFT ever got round to pointing out the anti-competitive

practices. As John Bridgeman, the current director of the OFT, pointed out in a lecture last month, "stronger investigatory powers and some form of interim measures", would be a help. It's all very well for economists to decide only in retrospect whether predatory pricing is taking place or not. Consumers and producers in the industry need protection rather faster than that.



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Dilemma for selectors as Grindley withdraws

David Grindley, the British 400 metres record holder, has pulled out of the Olympic trials which start in Birmingham today because of Achilles tendon problems

Yesterday's announcement by the 23-year-old Wigan Harrier, who has been desperately unfortunate with injuries since breaking through to world class at the 1992 Olympics, leaves the selectors with an awkward decision over whether to leave a discretionary place open until the entry deadline of 1 July.

"We hope the selectors give David the opportunity to show his fitness and form prior to and at the meeting at Gateshead on 30 June," said Vicente Modahl, Grindley's manager. But with this year's trials - incorporated in the AAA Championships - offering automatic places to the first two in each event. Grindley's hopes are not securely founded. Especially as the men's 400m is the most competitive of the whole three-day championships. given that Britain has six men who have broken 45 seconds.

That may not represent great one-lap running to Michael Johnson's manager, Brad Hunt, whose anger at the decision not to let his world champion switch from the 200 to the 400m at the Crystal Palace Grand Prix on 12 July led to the following analysis: "It's obviously an attempt to perpetuate a myth that they still have good 400m runners."

But it is still a position of strength-in-depth unmatched in British 400m running, and even without Grindley, the competition will be intense.

Mike Rowbottom on this weekend's British Olympic trials in Birmingham

nopoly on competitiveness. Linford Christie, who may decide whether to defend his Olympic 100m title before Monday's team announcement, may not have a huge task on his hands to secure will be seeking his third AAA a record eighth AAA 100m title, title after last weekend's victobut his friend and training partner, Colin Jackson, cannot feel similarly secure. Jackson, who is suffering from tendinitis and were David Strang, the Euro-

Not that the 400m has the mo- has lost his last four 110m hurdles races, does not look in good enough shape to hold off his perennial rival, Tony Jarrett, seeking his first AAA title.

In the 800m Curtis Robb ry in Estonia in an Olympic qualifying time of 1min 45.73sec. Among those he beat

pean Cup choice earlier this month, and Terry West. Those two, Andrew Lill and Craig Winrow - who lowered his personal best to 1:45.77 in Nuremburg last week - will make it hard for Robb to emulate Steve Ovetr's mid-Seventies record of consecutive AAA 800m victories. But the 24-year-old Liverpool Harrier appears to have timed his run into form nicely, having rediscovered some of his old zest for the event after reducing his training workload. Meanwhile in the women's

800m Diane Modahl, who has al- could say things really have ready achieved the Olympic qualifying mark this season, looks ready to secure an appearance in Atlanta that would represent a personal triumph. It was less than three months ago that she finally freed herself of the doping suspension she had contested since the summer of 1994.

"This is my biggest race in more than two years and m many ways the last and most sig-nificant step in my return," Modahl said. "If I manage to make the British team you

gone full circle. Sally Gunnell's main struggle in the 400m hurdles is likely to be with her stride pattern as she seeks to get back into her old rhythm in time to defend her Olympic title. But there will be a more serious confrontation in the men's 200m where Doug Turner, who lowered his best to 20,43sec last Sunday, will take on the former European champion John Regis and the talented but

petto elbov ut of

England looking to southern hemisphere for regular fixtures

for negotiating a separate tele-vision deal with BSkyB. "These

talks have been going on for

technical director] two, per-

haps three years ago," he said. "In addition to Australia, we are

also talking to New Zealand and

South Africa. I was in discus-

sions with the New Zealanders

last week and I was talking to the

The Australian talks seem to

be well advanced with O'Neill

admitting in an interview on BBC Radio Five Live: The dis-

cussion has been driven by our

mutual desire to play each oth-

er more regularly. The Walla-

bies are very keen to play

England on an annual basis at

least and we have progressed

South Africans recently."

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Rugby Union DAVID LLEWELLYN

Moves to stage regular matches between England and southern hemisphere sides are well advanced according to the Rugby Football Union secretary, Tony Hallett. "We have sought to broaden our fixture list," he said, "and so there are ongoing discussions which are very pos-

This follows an admission by John O'Neill, the Australian board's chief executive, that the two governing bodies have been discussing an annual fixture. But Hallett insisted that the talks had nothing to do with recent threats to expel England from the Five Nations' Championship

Glasgow joins Scotland tour

Graham Shiel has been ruled available for the two remaining out of the rest of Scotland's New Zealand tour because of the knee injury he suffered during the game against the Division-

al XV at Blenheim on Tuesday. The injury to the Melrose centre is not serious, but Scotland have decided to bring in the Heriot's FP wing Cameron Glasgow as a replacement. He is due to arrive tomorrow.

Speaking from the squad base in Dunedin where the Scots are preparing for the first Test ainst New Zealand tomorrow, their team manager, Jim Telfer, said: "The advice from the at he would not be

The fun has gone out of For-

who will start his 150th race in

The Jordan-Peugeot driver

Gerhard Berger of the current

mula One for Martin Brundle Prix.

Motor racing

games after Saturday." While the injury is another blow to the Scots on a poor tour, New Zealand, who they have never beaten, are buoyant. Apart from Jonah Lomu and Jeff Wilson on the wings, New Zealand have the brilliant new find Christian Cullen at full-back.

Scotland lost 31-16 in 1990 at Carisbrook when Ian Jones, who tomorrow will play in his 50th Test for New Zealand, made his debut.

year-old Brundle, who has de-

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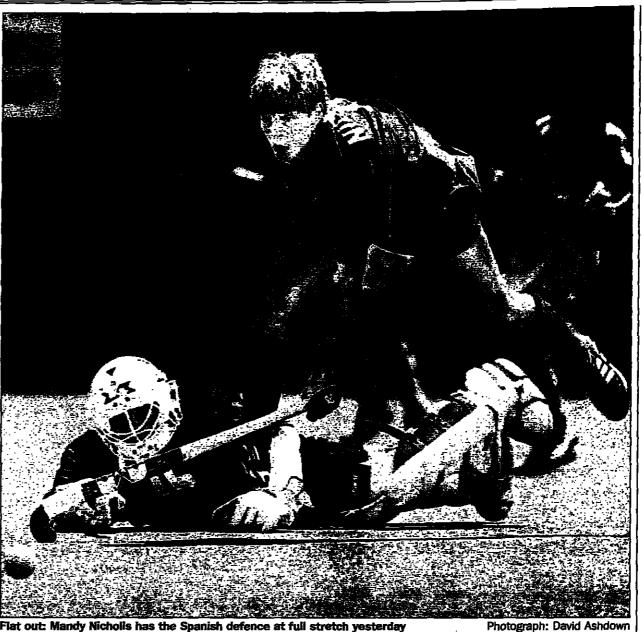
down the track." As New Zealand are due in England in 1997, the Australians may fill the vacant Twickenham slot on 30 November this year. Hallett said that the date would be filled by southern hemisphere opponents and that the forture would be announced shortly.

The flare-up with the Five Nations committee over the RFU's independent deal with BSkyB could lead to more contact with countries below the equator, with O'Neill hinting at other possibilities. "In the last week or so we've had news about the potential for England to be expelled from the Five Nations," O'Neill said. "That puts a whole new dimension on it which we really haven't addressed at this stage." Hallett endorsed that, saying: "Our talks have nothing

to do with recent issues." Australia will award new caps to winger Ben Tune and scrumhalf Sam Payne in the second Test against Wales in Sydney next Saturday. They have made three changes to the side who won the first Test 56-25, with Michael Brial coming in at No 8.

AllSTRALIA (ir Wales, Sydney, 22 June): M Burke; B Tune, J Roff, T Horan, D Campesa; P Howard, S Payna; R Hany, M Caputo, E McKenze, G Morgan, J Eales (capt), O Fine-gan, M Bnal, D Wilson.

John Mitchell, the former All Blacks captain, was yesterday named the new player-coach of Courage League One club Sale. Mitchell takes over from Paul Turner, a former Wales stand-



Britain's women outshine men

reports from Milton Keynes

Brundle laments lack of fun Rhona Simpson, the Scottish striker, continued her goalscoring run with a 20th-minute goal bit of glamour now," said the 37- working too hard now -- there's to give Great Britain a well denot so much time to have fun. served win against Spain in the "In the late Eighties there opening game of the Four Nawere a lot of big personalities. Names like Keke Rosberg, Nigel Mansell, Alain Prost, tions pre-Olympic tournament at Milton Keynes yesterday – their fourth victory in five games against the Olympic champions Niki Lauda, Nelson Piquet. in the past few weeks. However, Britain's men who "There was perhaps a tension

and lack of friendliness that is lost their opening game 3-1 to Germany, the men's defending much less apparent today. I think I prefer the bunch we have Olympic champions, when they were never able to overcome the now more than at any other Germans' spoiling tactics.

Britain's women started in over, winning their first corner forming in." He was clearly redominant form, moving for- in the 17th minute. Carsten Fis- ferring to Britain's finishing. purpose. It was the arrival of Taniny Miller after 20 minutes, her first appearance after injury in Atlanta in April, which provided extra sparkle and the winning goal as she drove forward to set up Simpson. Although the striker's first shot was well blocked by the Spanish goalkeeper, she followed up

to slot home the rebound. Britain's coach, Sue Slocombe, expressed her pleasure with the result but disappointment with the performance.

After Britain's men had failed

from two penalty corner attempts in the first couple of minutes the Germans gradually took

flected on to Soma Singh's chest, with Andreas Becker giving Simon Mason no chance from the harshly awarded penalty stroke. Germany went further ahead 11 minutes into the second half as Christof Beckmann took ad-

vantage of poor defending at a long corner. Although Britain pulled a goal back following a penalty stroke from the hardworking Russell Garcia in the 59th minute, Bjorn Michel, with two minutes remaining, restored Germany's two-goal margin.

The disappointed England coach, Jon Copp, said: "Some good things - but there are some areas we are not perthroughout the game.

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unpredictable pair of Solomon Wariso and Owusu Dako. **Oceania** Cup is

Rugby League

British clubs have been count-

Salford, who are bidding to win the First Division Championship and with it promotion to the Super League, have already told the Cook Islands they cannot have Ali Davys and they have also informed Western Samou that they will not re-

there is a lot at stake for us," the Salford chairman, John Wilkin-

This is the inaugural season

As an officially recognised international competition, the Oceania Cup can call on the during the course of the tour-

ternal structure.

Kovacevic set to leave Wednesday for Sociedad

the Canadian Grand Prix in Montreal on Sunday. It's probably because so few people are allowed in. It's eas-

crop has raced more - 12 years a Grand Prix would be quite sur-

after making his debut in Brazil.

"I do think the sport lacks a dock actually is. We're all

completes his milestone - only it can make life a bit dull.

Sheffield Wednesday's Yugoslavian international striker. Darko Kovacevic, is set to join the Spanish club Real Sociedad in a deal worth around £2.5m. Wednesday's manager, David Pleat, yesterday confirmed that talks had taken place in

Sheffield between Wednesday and officials from Sociedad. He refused to elaborate except to say: "There may be an announcement early next week." However, Spanish sources say that a deal has been agreed and that Wednesday will recoup

the £2.5m that they paid to Red Star Belgrade for the striker last Gary McAllister, is likely to be October. The transfer depends on Kovacevic agreeing personal terms. He is set to fly to Spain for talks today and thought to be eager to move.

Kovacevic's Yugoslavian colleague at Wednesday, the £2m defender Dejan Stefanovic,

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The record number of crews from both domestic and international clubs, who will be rowing on the Thames in the Henley women's regatta next weekend. Nine of the 16 foreign crews are from the United States.

could be next to go after the Department of Employment re-fused to renew his work permit. Neither Yugoslav has been

able to hold down a regular place with Wednesday and Pleat will use the money to strengthen a side who narrowly escaped relegation last season. Pleat added: "He was keen on the move before Sociedad came in. Sometimes it is very difficult

when you buy people from abroad, but you live and learn." Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manger, returns from holiday next week to continue his re building programme at Elland Road, but the Scotland captain, staying with the club despite speculation to the contrary. McAllister is a reported £3m target for both Arsenal and Rangers, but it is highly unlikely that Wilkinson will tempt the wrath of the Leeds sup-

porters by selling him. TODAY'S FIXTURES Rugby League

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SPORTING DIGEST American football London Monarchs will play their last game of the season against Rhein Fire on Sunday at Stamford Bridge, Chelsee, and not, as their previous games have been, at White Hart Lane. The game

time in my career."

Ayrton Senna.

The International Amateur Athletic Fed-eration have said it wal not ban athletes eration have said it wall not ban atthetes for competing in the US Olympic trials against suspended doping violators who used a court order to enter the event. US Olympic hopefuls had faced the differman of violating IAAF rules if they participated in the thals after Gealonson, a former US collegate heptathlon champion, had obtained a restraining order allowing her to participate although she has been suspended by the IAAF for a positive steroid test in 1994. Several other athletes are expected to seek similar rulings before the thals begin today.

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visiting Chicago Bulls 107-86 on
Wednesday, to avoid being swept out
of the NRA finals, Shawn Kemp scored
a game-high 25 points, Gary Payton 21
and Hersey Hawkins 18 as the Sonics
reduced Chicago's lead in the best-ofseven stines to 3-1 before today's Game
5, also in Seattle.
NRA finalse Seattle 107 Chicago 86 (Chicago leads best-of-seven-games series 3-1).

Robert McCracken, the Commonwealth middleweight champion, is being lined up to meet the World Boxing Organisation world champion, Lonnie Bradley, this auturnii, McCracken's handlers are working to try and persuade Bradley to defend his title in England.

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Blackburn are ready to sign Jason Willook on a new five-year deal numbured to be worth around £1.5million. Winger Wilcox was stunned to be left out of Terry Venables's squad for Euro 96 after winning his first cap, but his consolation will be a three-year examples to his current deal with Rovers and a hefty pay rise. Bradford City have signed the Durich de-fender Marco Ses from NAC Breda on a free transfer.

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Paul Ince, David Ginola and Chelseabound Gianluca Vialli have been added
to the world all-star squad to play Brazil
in New Jersey on 14 July. They were
among 11 players nominated to join
eight already selected, including Jürgem
Kinsmann and the World Cup hero Romario, who would be playing against his
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SCOTTISH LEAGUE GHALLERIGE First round Cup draw; Dundee v Sterhousemus; Abon Rovers v St Johnstone; Conderdosath v Falloric Lungston v Inventes Celedonian Trissie; Alloric Voyde; Hamilton v St Mirren; Brachin Cdy v Suring, Albon; Monthose v Dumberson; Parisk Trissie v Queen's Paris; Advanctiv V Queen's Cityle-bank v East String; Portar v Greenock Mottent; Ross County v Ayr, Byet; Arcine, East Fife. (Ties to be played Sounday 10 August).

Clus); M-C Estuesta (Phil), 71.1 Triving (Den); E Aron (Fr); S Forster, S Nicklin; L Jeroper (US); S Erlisson (Swe); C Blasson Wharton (Swe); L Weime Heigh). 72 R Camedo (Sp); S Pankau (US); K Mourgue G'Algue (Fr); L Navarro (Sp); J Soulsby; F Phie (Aus); J Morley; E Orley (Swn); A-M Knejtr (Aus); X Wursch (Sp); M Sutton; J Mills (Aus); L Tadiotto (Bet).

FOUR NATIONS PRE-OLYMPIC TOURNAMENT (Milton Keynes): Ment Gress Bistein 1 (Bernary 3 Netherlands 4 Palesser 2 Women: Gress Bittain 1 Spain 0; Germany 4 Netherlands 1.

Rugby League

Brad Naim, Workington Town's Australian loose forward, was last night suspended for two matches and fined £150 by the Rugby Football League's disciplinary committee. It follows his sending-off by Karl Kirkpatrick, the Wertington referee, for foul and abusive language in last Sunday's Super League defeat by Leads.

Rugby Union Bridgend have signed Justin Burrell, the Neath beck-row forward, and 23-year-old Peter Maitland, who ran for Wales in the 1994 Commonwealth Garries. Leicestar yesterday announced three more signings. Rob Liley, the Sale standoff, Nell Fletcher, the Moseley second now, and Hudderslield rugby league back, Greg Austin. The new signings join Craig Joiner and Austin Healey as the summer arrivals at Wesford Road.

Kevin Bowning, Wales's coach, has called for an explosive opening to their Australia tour match against New South Wales Country at Weebolfabolfa Oval on Saturday. After four successive defeats and just a week to the second Test, Bowring commented: "We have got to take the game to them early on, it is about mental hardness and concenapout mental hardness and concen-tration". Lock Gareth Llewellyn will capitaln a side containing 10 of the first Test team with centre Gareth Thomas maintaining his 100 per cent sour record

maintaining his 100 per cent sour record with his such start.

WALES TEAM (Australian tour v New South Wales TEAM (Australian tour v New South Wales TEAM (Australian) to the South Wales Country, at Wesholksholks Oral, Saturday; W Proctor (Lienski), I Device (Lienski), S Hill (Cardiff); N Lesticies (Pertupated), A Walland (Richmon); C Casader (Seamson), B Williams (Richmon); C Casader (Seamson), B Williams (Richt), J Device (Vicatif), S Williams (Neath), Edwing), H Yaylor (Cardiff), S Williams (Neath), Replacements: D James (Bridgerd), S Ford (Bridgerd), A Lewis (Cardiff), K James (Edwin), James (Cardiff), K James (Edwin), R James (Edwin

The Olympic medal hopes John Merricks and Ian Welker pulled back on track yes-terday finishing seventh overall at the

470 European Championships off Hayling Island. Also seventh overall were Britain's women representatives in Sa-vanneh, Bethan Raggatt and Sue Carr. Vannen, Bernen Reggatt and Sue Carr. 470 EUROPEAN CHAMPHONSHEP (Hayling Island): Mea overall (ofter eight races with one discerd): 1.0 Bereath and E Burnat-nov (Rus) 36,50x; 2.4 Westerfind and H Walfin (Swel 52: 3 A Kosmetopoulos and K Trigoriss (Gr) 53,75 British. GB 7 J Memcies and I Walfar 87. Women overall (after 10 races with two discerds): 1.P Berr and C Pinnow (Ger 440x; 2.R Taran and E Paholchik (Md. 45.5; 3 S. Bauchtok and K Adlicter (Ger) 47,75. GB 7 B Reggett and S Carr 68.

Speedway
FRST TEST (Buff): England 95 (I Screen 12, P Thorp 11, C Lous 8, M Loram B, K Tahum 8, M Dugard 4, G Hawelock 4) Australe 4 (I Uyons 11, J Curup 10, C Boyce 6, S Parier 5, S Bowes 3, T Langland 3, S Johnston 31, FOUR-TEAM TOUR!NAMENT Qualifying round, first leg (Long Enton): Woher-rampion 37 ff Coney 11, P Karisson 10), Belle Vue 21 (C Manchester 10), Long Eston 20 im Digard 7, R Coney 77 Coverny 18 (B Anderson 8, S Cross 6). CHALLENGE MATCH (Glasgow): Mcc/s West Coast Mauraders 38 (M Powell 10, L Collins 10) Fortule's East Coast Fliers 40 (M Faria 9, R Johanesson 9, S Alforso 3). T COMMERCIALS JUNIOR BLUE FIRAND (Poole): 1 | Elvirs (Ryde IOW): 2 L Richard-son (Poole): 3 M Writs (Ryde IOW): 4 D Ma-son (Sittinghourne).

Three British players, Chris Willanson, from Southampton, Danny Sapsford of Surrey and Mark Petchey of Essex, were yesterday given wild cards for the Not-tingham Open rest week. They join Tim Heriman and Greg Rusedski, two other home players who have received diment active. or northe players who have received di-rect entry.

STELLA ARTONS GRASS COURT CHAMPI-CHISHIPS (Queen's Club, London) Thins round: Thusser (Aut) bt A Othousidy (Rus) 6-2 6-4: T Mortin (LIS) bt S Larsey (Car) 6-3 6-7 6-3: P Rather (Aus) bt G Poza (10 6-2 6-3).

8 Becker (Ger) bt J Stark (LIS) 6-4 6-2; M Woodfords (Aus) bt P Morta (Crep) 6-1 6-4; S Edderg (Swe) bt G Nortisevic (Crep) 6-7 6-2 7-6: W Ferrairs (SA) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 6-4 5-1 ret.

G-4 5-1 ret.

DFS CLASSIC WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT (Ediphastion Priory Cat), Braniagham) Third round: G Singar (Ger) for L McNes (US) 6-3 1-6-6-3; B Schulz-McCarth (Neth) for G Pazichin (II) 6-7 6-3 6-3; M McCarth (US) for N Verena (Bel) 6-1 6-0; M Orenana (Neth) for K Radford (Aus) 6-3 6-2; N Tausact (Ft) for G Famignote: (US) 7-5 6-2; L Neiland (Lao) for D Van Rous (Bel) 2-6 6-5-3; E Callers (Bel) for L Raymord (US) 5-7 7-6 6-1; L Courtois (Bel) 2-6 Renaids-Stunkel (US) 7-6 2-6 6-1.

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7-6; P Haartus (Neyth) bt K Carisen (Den)
6-4 7-6; R Krajcek (Neith) bt H Jan Cawds,
(Neith) 3-6 6-3 7-8; Fertisten (Den) bt H
Araa (Mor) 8-2 5-7 7-6.

RACING RESULTS NEWBURY

NEWBURY
2.00: 1. OEAN BEIGG (1 Raid) 6-4 fav.
2. Burollok Exceller 14-1; 3. State Fair
25-1. 13 sm. 4, 114. (P Chapte-Hyern, Manton). Totas: £2.40; £1.30, £3.10, £6.80. OF:
£16.20. CSP. £25-52. That Not won; £373-20
carried forward to York 2.40 today.
2.30: 1. FIN GALORE (M Hills) 7-1; 2.
Wolf Mountain Evens fav; 3. Hill Rhappandy
10-1.6 sea. Hd. 4, (B Hills, Lawthourn), Totas:
£7-50; £2.20, £1.30. DF; £4.20. CSP:
£14.26.
3.00: 1. EVENDI ANDS: (Dr. Eddina) 0.0.1

E7-50: £2-20, £1-30, DF: £4.20, GSF: £14.26, 3.00: 1. EVERGLADES (Pat Eddary) 9-2: 2. Hi Nod 2-1 lay; 3. Czarna 13-2. 8 ran. Sr Ind. 2. (R Charlton, Beckhampton). Tobac £6.40; £2.90, £1.40, DF: £5.20, GSF: £13.21. NR: Classic Sty. (Bossic Sty (10-1) was withdrawn not under orders, Rule 4 applies to board prices only, deduction of 5 pence in the pound.

3.30: 1. SARDOMNC (M Ryan) 5-2 lay; 2. Min Altheria 20-1; 3. Asstinate 16-1. 10 ran. Hd, ½. (H Cacal, Neumanical, Totac £3.30: £1.40, £4.20, £4.70, DF: £13-50. CSF: £48.54, Tric: £93.90, NR: Shawarut, Shawarut, Hd-1) was withdrawn not funder orders, Rule 4 applies to board prices only, deduction of 20 pence in the pound.

4.00: 1. TEMPTRESS (S Sanders) 12-1: 2. Present Arms 11-4; 3. Cestion Start 5-2 lay, 10 ran. ¾, sh hd, (P Wahryn, Lambourn). Totac £10.50; £2.30, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £13.40, GSF: £41.90, Teosac £101.25. Tric: £13.50, 11. MEDREVAL, LADY U Beith 10-1:

DF: 213.40, USF: 141.90, 16381: E101.25.
Triz: £13.50,
4.30: 1. MEDIEVAL LADY U Reid) 10-1;
2. Highland Rhaspsody 11.4 fex: 3. HighSummer 4-1, 17 ran, 174, 174, (Lady Her45, Littletampton). Total: £13.60; £3.40,
£1.90, £1.80, DF: £2.60, USF: £3.56, Tox.
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Walker, Kingston Lisle). Total: £3.00; £1.90,
£2.20, £1.70, DF: £2.730, USF: £2.715, Til£1.00, ER.
Lackport: Not wor; £3.164, 13 carried forward
to York today.
Places 6: £2.70, Quandport: £5.40,
Place 6: £2.102, Place 8: £8.99.

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2.15: 1 BRIDE'S REPRISAL (K Cortey) 6-4 fav. 2 Bold African 5-1; 3. Tichnitige 9-1 7 fam. Ni. 1 (M Channon, Upper Lambourn). Total: \$2.10; £1.20, £1.80. Dr: £2.70. CSP: £8.30. 2.46: 1 WINTER SCOUT (S Copp) 10-1: 2.46: 1 WINTER SCOUT (S Copp) 10-1: 2 Amosba 9-1; 3. Messafah 5-2 f fav. 9 ran. 5-2 f fav Flasty's Son (40), 2, 3, 6 Brooks, Lambourn), Totac £16.10: £2.80, £2.10, £1.70. DF: £40.90. CSF: £84.03. Tho: £175.30,

22.10, £1.70. DF: £40.90. CSF: £84.03. Trio: £176.30.
3.15: 1. THREE ARCH SHIDGE () Wester! 6-1; 2. Speaks Verdict 11-2; 2. Thatched 11-4. 6 ras. 2-1 for Commander Gien (6th). 1½, 2. M. Johnston, Middetami. Tota: £8.26; £2.80. DF: £13.30. CSF: £22.51.
3.45: 1. £77£RSP PARK () Framing 5-1; 2. Marrayaw 11-1; 3. Mileter Aspecto 10-1 10 ras. 3-1 for Leven Order, £42.1 M. Johnston, Middetami. Totae £6.90; £2.20. £3.40, £9.20. DF: £35.40. CSF. £52.63. Thosas: £85.37. Trio: £72.20.
4.15: 1. WRE ACT F Normal 3-1 fay, 2. Neutler 1-2; 3. Fairy Prince 5-0-1 10 sas. Hd. 1½, [Marray Mesde, Midmestury]. Totae £4.30; £1.40, £2.40, £21.80. DF: £14.70. CSF. £19.18. Trex £153.10. NR: Haute Cusine.

4.45: 1. LEADING PRINCESS U Grammo 33-1; 2. Swan At Whalley 7-1; 3. Soweiffe Grangs 5-2 fev. 12 ran. 2, ½. (Alss I, Per-ratt Ayr. Toke. E37-80; 5:5.69, 5:1.60, 5:1.40. DF: £167.10. CSF: £237.47. Tricast: £748.02. Tric: £210.30. Places 6: £314.00. Quadipot: £117.30. Place 6: £257.37. Place 6: £155.28.

CHEPSTOW 6.46: 1. MY GALESTY (Mes Bridget Cate-house) 13-2: 2. Wentbridge Lad 12-1; 3. Neeprob 100-30 fay; 4. Lorins Gald 10-1. 18 ran. 3½ nk. (A Bailey). Tota: £8.40; £2.10, £1.80, £1.80, £2.60, Duaf Forecast. £61.70. CSF: £73.55. Treast: £782.19. Tro: £56.10. E56.10.
7.15: 1. FINSBURY FLYER (P P Murphy)
33-1; 2. Double Oscar 9-4 by, 3. Hever Golf
Express 100-30. 12 ran. 5ht-hd, 3.(. R
Hodges). Tobs: £50.80; £7.90. £1.30,
£1.30, 50. CSF. £103.97. Inc.
£184.30. NRs: Current Leader. Sphrin Ley.

7.45: 1. INDIAN ROCKET (W Carson) 2-1; 2. Berrier (Mng 7-2; 3. Imperial President 11-9 fev. 8 zan. 4. 3. () Durlop). Totes 2-90: £1-20. £1-40. £1-10. DF: £3-30. CSF: §9.16.

YARMOUTH
6.30: 1. CHREFTARM'S CROWN (P Doe)
13-2: 2. NoRy's Cousts 13-2: 3. Harvey
Whates 9-2: 9 ran. 3-1 fes Studio Thirty. Vz.
1/4. (Miss K George). Tobe: £5,80: £3.40.
£2.10. £1.30. DF: £62.20. CSF: £22.45. THcast: £183.80. Tro: £60.70.
7.00: 1. BRISH FICTION (K Darley) 11-8
for; 2. Our Kevic 3-1; 3. Fan of Vest-Aute
5-2. 6 ran. Vz. 1. (M Charmon), Tobe: £2.10:
£1.50. £1.50. DF: £2.20. CSF: £5.76.
7.30: 1. SEA-DEER (F His) 4-1; 2. Don
Peops 2-1 fax: 3. Samsdoin 12-1. 9 ran.
Vz. 1.Vz. (C Dayen, Tobe: £5.10. £1.60.
£1.80. £2.40. DF: £5.10. CSF: £11.63. Thcast: £77.53. Tro: £15.50.

Tyrone Williams and Derek Hayda-Jones had an appeal against the decision of the Doncaster slewards to demote Capilano Princess on 8 June dismissed at a Jockey Club disciplinary hearing yesterday. After finishing first, the local stewards found Williams guilty of careless riding and suspended him for three days, Capilano Princess was demoted to some and. The committee heard evidence from both trainer and jockey, Gary Carter, rider of the original second, Kieren Fallon, rider of the third and Russell Price, rider of an unplaced borse, a steward at the meeting and viewed video recordings of

costly for clubs

DAVE HADRELD

ing the potential cost of next month's Oceania Cup, which could deprive them of key players. Including travelling time, players from the Cook Islands, Jonga, Fiji, Western Samoa and Papua New Guinea could miss four rounds of club match-

ease Sam Panapa.
"We would like to help, but

son, said.

St Helens, the Super League leaders who face losing the Samoans Apollo Perelini and Vila Matautia from matches against Leeds, Bradford, Halifax and Oldham, are seeking clarification from the League.

of Super League and we question the wisdom of taking leading players out of the competition," said the Saints chief executive, David Howes.

players it requires. Those who do not go would not, in theory, be able to play for their clubs here

The League's chief executive. idsav, has attacl standards in France after Wednesday's record 73-6 defeat by England in Gateshead.

"They are not making any progress," Lindsay said. "What they need is administration that will drive the game there forward. All we are hearing is fine words, but we are not seeing any action."

Apart from the poor displays of the French national side, the Paris St-Germain team is slipping closer to the foot of Super League, although Britain's academy executive, John Kear, is to be loaned to the club to help them reorganise their in-

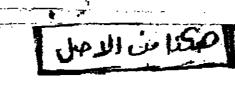


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Dettori is elbowed out of Ascot

tractions at Ascot went through

their paces yesterday, both pleasing their trainers and con-

firming their passage to Berk-shire. Double Trigger, the Ascot

Gold Cup favourite, delighted

Mark Johnston in his final se-

rious workout before attempt-

ing the double in Thursday's

Double Trigger, under Bob-bie Elliot, led the Johnston

string in a five-furlong canter be-

fore getting down to the serious

stuff alongside the Queen's Vase entry Lallans over a mile

and a half on Middleham High

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Wise Approach (Market Rasen 7.50)

NB: Witching Hour (York 4.45)

said. "We just need a trouble-

free run between now and

Thursday. Today will be the last

time he goes upsides another

race will be of particular con-

cern to Johnston following the injury to Double Trigger's full-brother, Double Eclipse. The

pair were expected to oppose

each other at Ascot but Double

Eclipse's recent foot injury

brought home to Johnston how

fortunate he would be to get one

"People don't realise how

Ashkalani, the favourite for

lucky you have to be to keep two

top-class stayers sound and

Double Eclipse's injury proved

the St James's Palace Stakes on

Tuesday, worked well at Chan-

tilly yesterday and his trainer, Alain de Royer-Dupre, con-firmed that Michael Kinane

will deputise for Gerald Mossé

if the latter's appeal against a

four-day ban is unsuccessful.

Also Ascot bound is John Ham-

the point to me," he said.

of the pair to the meeting.

The days leading up to the

"That was perfect," Johnston

JOHN COBB

Frankie Dettori, more accustomed to exiting from horses via the spectacular vertical dismount, was thrown from a flighty filly in the parade ring at Newbury yesterday and will miss next week's Royal Ascot meeting with a broken elbow. He had been 7-4 second fav-ourite, behind Michael Kinane,

to be top jockey at the meeting. Dettori was on the Godolphin filly Shawanni before the Ballymacoll Stud Stakes when she reared over parawers to her rider on the parade ino's tarmac path.

his ien crow he sat on the pact of the fall and he sat on the His left elbow took the imceiving medical attention before being taken by stretcher into an ambulance.

Despite his obvious pain, Dettori remained cheery. "I broke the other one a long time ago, so I know what it feels like." he said. "My left elbow doesn't feel too good and I feel a bit shaky."

The champion jockey was taken to the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading where an X-ray examination confirmed that he had broken his elbow.

Dettori, champion for the last two years, has had a campaign interrupted by suspensions and has been left trailing by Pat Eddery by 12 wins. But he was back at the peak of his form on Wednesday when riding six winners in a day for the first time and devoted some of his time at Newbury yesterday to supporting the Dorset-based Fortune Centre of Riding Therapy,

his charity of the year. His accident was witnessed by Alan Dadswell, a race-reader with Superform, who was standing just a few feet away. "As soon as Frankie got on the filly she planted herself," he reported. "He managed to get her to move but then she went sideways into the rail and straight over backwards."

YORK
2.40: SURPRISE MISSION, who was hampered both early on and two furlongs out when finishing four lengths fifth to Sailormaite on unfavourably good to soft ground at Haydock last time out, has more suitable underfoot conditions this capped. Portend may be the chief

وقو 3.10: TEDBURROW, who was badly drawn and was not given a hard time once beaten when finishing time once beaten when innsaing three lengths fourth to Sallormaite at Haydock over five furlongs on his last appearance, will be better suit-ed by this faster surface and should go well. Cyrano's Lad and Musical Season are both dangers on their



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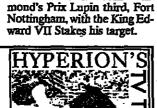
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Britain's new Champion National Hunt jockey, Tony Mc-Coy, and the top conditional rider, Richard Johnson, will be presented with their trophies at Market Rasen's fixture this evening. McCoy rode 175 winners to claim the crown, 43 ahead of his nearest pursuer, David Bridgwater, Johnson, attached to the David Nicholson stable, was a clear winner of the conditionals' race with 53 wins.

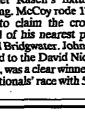


3.40: CELERIC, who beat Golder Arrow by a length over today's course and distance on his season-al debut, should have come on for that and can follow up.

4.10: ACHILLES HEEL, who ran Dance So Suite to 11/2 lengths when carrying 14th more than his true handicap weight at Epsom, has yet to be reassessed and is the



provertial handicap snip.







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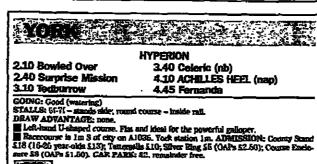
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LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: H Coof-25 wire

success ratio of 26.3% and a loss to a 51 level stake of \$12.48; M Storers, 133 runners, 18.7%, +59.55; P Cole — 16 winners, 79 runners, 2 ners, 133 runners, 18.7%, 4.59.56; P Cohe — 16 winners, 79 runners, 20.2%, 4-11.6.

B LEADING JOCESTS: L Dectord — 39 winners, 172 cides, 22.7%, 4545,08; Pat Eddery — 39 winners, 197 fides, 19.8%, -52.26; W Carson — 31 winners, 202 rides, 15.3%, -534.92; J Reid — 18 winners, 153 rides, 11.8%, -448.71.

BLINEREED FIRST TIRE: Gallardial (viscored) (4.10).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Here Comes Herbie (4.10) won at Cotterick

on Frincy. LONG-DETAINGE EXENNEES: Fernstnake (4.45) seek 255 miles by J Dondop from Arundel, W Sussex; Bowled Over (2.10) seek 245 miles by C Cyner from Mapleburst, W Sousex.

210 MARKETING WEEK MEDIAN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS E) £6,000 added 3YO 1m 4f Penalty Value £4,230 O ARRIST WE LICKY (20) (May 1 C Study J) 1 O'Ned 9 O.

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2 1080 OF SPANIO (32) (27) (Shelin Mohermood) L Custen

BETTING: 4-5 King Of Sparts, 5-2 Bouled Over, 9-2 Happy Taipen, 7-1, 5: He Lucky 1992: Corradin, 3 9 0 W Ryan 9-1 (H Cacil 5 ran

BOWLED OVER is worth another chance to confirm the promise of his Chester than behind legal Right and Shentou, who gave the form such a boost in the Derby. The Chester race was over 10 furiongs and he shaped as though a longer trip would sur. King Of Sperta is the obnous attemative, pithough he did not show the expected improvement from his Kemp-ton debut when runner-up to Parsian Punch at Windsor. It could be that the step up to 12 furiongs will do the trick, Batousofthaption needs to improve stightleady on a fourth to Delba is a rated meliden at Casteriak text turns.

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Brimen weight: 7st 10th, True hand SETTBOR: 7-1 Seddiehome, 8-1 Por 921 (1962) -3. Stockermann, co-r releaning Community (1962) Dawn, Stoffed, 12-1 others 1995: Saint Dipress 5 10 0 K Darley 7-1 (Mrs M Reveley) 13 cm

2.15 Blue Ridge 2.50 Regal Patrol 3.20 Master Charter 3.55 Sycamore Lodge 4.30 Russian Re-quest 5.00 La Suguet 5.35 Silver Hunter

DEAW ADVANTAGES: Fign for 5; jow for /f & lm.

Right-hand course. Separate shift of tract.

Rarcecourse is on A207, 4m S of Ringston. Exher station (service from London, Waterloo) adjoins course. ADM/BSEON: Clab & Grandstand (combined) \$12; Junior Clab (16 - 25yrs) \$10; Park \$4. CAR PARK: \$2 in members (More Lane), renatinder free.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE EURINERS: Matter Charter (3.20) & Spenmore
Lodge (3.56) have been sent 240 miles by Mrs J Exmeden from Sand-Intion, N Yorks; Les Suquet (5.00) sent 224 miles by N Tinkler from Langton, N Yorks; Metal Boys (5.00) sent 210 miles by Miss I. Sid-dall from Cotton, N Yorks.

2.15 SUN BANK MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D)

9 22 SNRT REFLISAL (36) M Haynes 8 9 C Rether 2
9 Acchard —
BETTING: 6-4 Shaccare, 5-1 Contents Char, 6-1 Sinc Ridge, 8-1 Tigrafo,
Smokebeth, 10-1 Soft Refusal, 12-1 others

2.50 SRI GROUP MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 270 7f

BANDORE D Locar 9 0
BERNY THE DIP (USA) J Gorden 9 0.....
CAPTUN WILLIAM I Baiding 9 0.....
HEAD GARDENER J Durlop 9 0.....

- 10 doctored -SETTING: 3-1 Putra, 7-2 Ragal Patral, 4-1 Beasty The Dip, 5-1 Bandore, 6-1 Powder River, 10-1 Captala William, 12-1 others

3.20 DEVITT DA DIAMOND JURILEE HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 1m 2f

53 MARALD (9) R Arrastong 9 0 ______ 34 POWDER RIVER (26) R Hannon 9 0 _____ PETINA (USA) P Cole 9 0 _____ 4 REBAL PATROL (9) (87) M Stouer 9 0 ____

SHEER FACE WALLE 90 ______ LADY GOOWA NI Pogless 8 9 ___

£4,550 added 210 5f 6yds

BLUE FEDGE (7) R Harmon 9 Q___

BUZZBY (1.8) A Roster 9 D CADENIES CHER (4) 8 Hits 9 D ...

STALLS: Straight course – stands side; rest – inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 51; low for 71 & 1 m.

BLONGERED POINT TOME: 2,50 Powder River.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None

SANDOWN

GOING: Good to Firm.

Mark Johnston saddles two three-year-olds and, whale Tadoo Jooks to have enough weight, DESERT TIGER just could be a class above these. The Green Desert fifty gamed the first two of three tens from six starts last, season over the meantum trip and this hard-puller should of thee was from six starts last season over the materium trip and this hard-puller should find the furlougs ideal this year. Desert Tiger, who gets on edge in the breshmanes, showed a more verying tendency to tang away from the whip on her final start of Doncasser, but she still managed to finish a clear second best to smart My Branch in a russery over so end a half furlongs. Today, Desert Tiger is drawn on the stands rail and could prove difficult to catch with that to guide her, Lynds Ramsden is also doubly represented, with Bentone and Swiptias Missions, Bentone is nigod form, having won and then finished second to To The Rod on consecutive days at think last more, both times anning really well from a poor draw. Bentone has more on his plate now, though, and Weren Fallon is on Surprise Mission. This lightly-raced four-year-old has been hampered both starts this term, finishing 16th of 18 to Skiffed at Think and then fifth to Salidemage at Haydock, and is capable of much better, sithough he will not want the ground to day out much. Seadellehouse is exceiver to have shown that a winning turn was near, finishing an eye-capting severall to Ferry Wind have last morth. A dual course and distance wanner, he has drooped to a good mark. Bevere lest month. A dual course and distance winner, he has dropped to a good ma nere east more; a main course and obtains whiter, he has crospect to a good main, bejust Rose faces a very stiff tests with a 7th penalty for last week's Chester win from Lindy
Sheriff, meeting the numer-up 12th woise for a length and tree-quarters. Nacchahane gave
some encouragement in such then and is not without a chance. Portend and Suffed are
closely misched on fest month's Ripon numering and Portend confirmed his well-being with a
second to Juces at Redicer - Shadow Jarry fourth, Lindy Sheriff soon and For The Present
severath. Tark And A Half should have the ground in her favour and has been knotling on
the door, while the highly consistent Cassaves Heart makes a far amount of each-way speal.

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	3.10	SHEPHERD SPRINT RATED HANDICAP (CLASS B) £20,000 added of Penaity Value £12,792
4	13350-4 130-646 5020-00	DOUBLE NUISE (33) (8) (8 W Huggins) M Johnston 7 9 7 J Weever 3 STYLISH WAYS (31) (9) (an Heal Rating) Mess 5 Heal 4 9 3. N Connection 5 CYMANO'S LAD (23) (M M Routger) C Deyer 7 8 9 N C Connection 5 ARSICAL SEASON (20) (P D Saed) T D Barron 4 8.8 M Devley 2
5 6	1660-04 120-445	TEDIRURROW (20) (Philip Disses) Mrs A Naughton 4 8 7

95: Chevenne Soutt 3 8 4 W Carson 8-1 (8 Hanbury) 10 zan FORM GUIDE

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CITRANO'S LAD, whose was lest year were over longer trips, set a good pace when dropped to the furious at Newtronket lest time and was only done for speed in the final furions, finishing about two lengths such to Top Banaria. The step up to sot is very much in his favour and the handicapper looks to have taken a chance in dropping him a further 2th for that test run. Opinio's Lad was skith to Madly Sharp over this timp it Newtranivet on his reappearance off a 6th higher mark than today. He was half a length in front of Double Blaw, yet meets him on 3th better terms. Double Blav has not been at his best this year and was over five lengths behind Styfish Ways when they were fourth and eighth to Jayampee over course and distance lest morth. A five through Madly Sharp, statue-up in that cace, gives Opranois Lad the edge on Styfish Ways in receipt of 8th Babby Blabe, the only three-year-old in the race, has every chance judged on her most recent efforts, a fourth to Struggler at Beverley and then a fifth of 1.3 behind Arraf in a valuable Newmarket handicap. Teathursow has a tough task this alternoon carrying 3th more than his true handicap weight. However, he did tough task this afternoon carrying 3th more than his true handicap weight. However, he did finish two and a half langths in front of **Moslost Seasos** when fourth to Saviormade at Hay-Intish two price area sergers in the new managers and the form this year, on 5th worse terms on the secretary.

Selections CYRANO'S LAD

[3.40	INTERNATIONAL RATED HAND/CAP (CLASS C) £13,000 added 1m 6f Penalty Value £8,184	C4
1		SUMMET (263) (T A Johnsey Mee C Johnsey 5.9 7	
2		CELERIC (39) (CD) (Constanter Sperce) D Mortey 4 9 7	
3		LORD JM (195) (Als S Y Thomas) Lord Huntragion 4 9 5	
4	3400-13	ROYAL SCRATAR (USA) (22) (48H Prince False Salman) P Cole 494	K Daviev 7
5		CORRADING (20) (C) (EF) (K Abdulla) H Cect 4 9 3	
6	012-6	HARBOUR ISLAND (II) (P. Barnett) M Stocks 490	K Fallon 4 B
7	1122-00	WATEST WASSELY (20) (0) U C Smith) I Eustace 4 6 11	A مند الـ
Ř	20/2100	KADASTROF (FID) (26) (D) (A P Patpel) R Dicken 6 8 7	.Flunch (5) 2
-		- 8 declared -	
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3.55 SUN LIFE OF CANADA HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 7f

4605-00 ELSE HOPE (USA) (36) (DI C Essten 498 R Handin (5)

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BETTNG: 4-1 Sycamore Lodge, 9-2 Schamborst, 5-1 Nouvest, 7-1 Or ange Place, 8-1 Galckawicks, Duelle, 10-1 Rakis, 12-1 others

4.30 POLICYHOLDERS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 1m 2f

D MAZLOOH (101 J Gosden 9 D. HORLE LORD (49) R Budder 9 0 HOTARE | Bairing 9 0....

WINDYEDGE (USA) (45) 81486 9 0.

RUSSIAN REQUEST (13) N Stoute 8 9.

5.00 BASING VIEW CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £4,000 added 5f

1 Q01112- SPANIARDS CLOSE (239) (CD) P Malon 89 10 _______ 5
2 060-000 LORD HIGH ADMIRAL (20) (CD) M H-Els 89 5 M Roberts 7
3 003000 AGMA (8) R O'Sultan 7 9 0 ______ \$ Septies 4
4 320003 LA SUQUET (LA) (D) N Trible 4 9 0 ______ Pat Estiev 8

5.35 SURREY RACING HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,500 added 1m 3f 91yds

00-5504 DONE SHOOT FAMILES (16) C Britain 4 10 0 _____ B Doyle 8 01/436- FLIGHT IMASTER (365) P Majon 4 9 8 ______ 5 Sanders 10

10 000330 RESING SPRAY (248) C Horger 5.8 7 Januards Sandras (5) 9 11 0500-25 SILVER HUNTER (USA) (16) G Bracey 5.8 6 July Hills 7 12 06-0641 FRUILDUS GROUTO (11) (6) M Standers 6.8 4 (5c)

000-434 CHRCKWRIGHA (38) (D) B Paling 5 9 13.

Amenican region: cox (a), two manages region agreement on our BETTING: 5-4 Colorie, 5-2 Royal Scientiar, 4-1 Corradial, 7-1 Harts 14-1 Sensol, 25-1 others
1995: Wishing 4 9 4 T Quint 11-2 (R Alchurst) 7 ran

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CELERIC struggled to get a run up the inner over course and distance last time, 5.1 he eventually got through a futiong out and ran out an impressive writter from Gottlen Arms. A son of the late-developing Minor, he improved throughout lost year and true late-2 nur suggests he is still on the upgade. Celters showed that this course is to his living when writing here last August and a 5th rise in his mining should not be enough to prevent him gaining a that success here. Royal Schaittar shapes as though this timp will suit, as ne balled to quedien having stolen a clear lead over three furtings out at Goodwood last time, keeping on to be third to Tapen. He may be the one to stretch Celeric but will be vulnerable to that mals strong finish if again setting the pace. Consider, fund to Ment in the Chester Cue (Kadastria with beaten) and fourth to Snow Princess at Doncaster Invest Week, Lates off, seems to be in the handicappers grip and lacks a turn of foot. The grand is not soft enough for Kadastria, white Marbour latend gave no encouragement on his notion at Berefich receively. Lord Jim won first time out test year. His form afterwards was in and our, but he has been guided and a interesting on his first stant for Lord Huntington. Selections CELERIX. MONKS APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS E) 4.10 MUNICS APPRENTING THE STATE STA

PENDOLINO (253) Ann Boots M Britain 5.85 PEPINST (246) (The Germin Partnership 2) M Hamm CALLARDON (9) IS P Hudson B S Ro 0-06521 HERE COMES HERBIE (7) (D) (N S Nucleoson) to Story, 4.8.2 (Sec.) 500-064 SWANDALE RIVER (149 Unoted Completes) N Brond 4.8.0 - 13 de

- 13 de BETTING: 7-2 Here Couse Heckle, 4-1 Woodrisk er, 10-1 Gellerdisi, 12-1 Advance East, 16-1 oth FORM GUIDE

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ACHILLES HEEL had been out of form or a while but bounced back in no uncertain terms, when a length and three-quarters seem to Danco So Suite in the valuable apprentice handing at Epsom on Derby Day. He was fully 18th out of the handing then but is able to race off his cornect mark today. The handinaper has miserreted the Epsom torm literally and Achiles Heel will be 18th higher from homotown, so this is a chance that to hilly mark be taken. The fact is that he does look thrown in judged on the pick of his form lars upons, so Achiles Heel will be worth backing ruless he is a very short price. Here Comes Reable walk Sib out of the nendicap when beening Calder larg a length or Catteriot lass week, but his had been shouring up well beforehand and a 5th penalty means he code of the facture mark of 40 today. He should not well. Advance East's sodile stipped at Thirsk last time, but he had not quite well when sent to Remaid Sun over course and distance previously and is 10th lower than at the start of the season. Beleating is another back to form and was best en great a neck off this mark by Mock from as Bevericy lost time — Gallardina land, Wedding, where of three Calmest last season (changed stables bado), went on its corte hade over hundles and is not without a chance. Augusters is 10th lower than when winning the face last year and has shown some promise this season.

Selections ACHILLES HEEL

4.45 UNIVERSITY OF YORK STAKES (CLASS C) £7,500 added 2YO files of Penalty Value £4,878

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FORM GRIPE

FERNIANDA constorably got the better of Hakiantyan when both made their debuts at Nattrigism but month and there was a free-length gap to the third, the odds-on Sec.a. Hakiantyan,
was the impressive winner of a Newmarket maden on Saturday, beating Hen Harner, stablemate to Fernanda, an easy three lengths. John Durlop sent out Conspeasy to be four
lengths second to the impressive Witching Hour at Saksbury, so he should know where Ferrianda stands in relation to that nod, Samsung Spirit will find this lougher than the Art aucton maden she won on her debut, but she can improve and the Art trial, Bif-Em, incl. sunat Hamilton since.

Selection: FERNANDS

SOUTHWELL

2.00 Montone 2.30 Red Phantom 3.05 Make Ready 3.35 Hadadabble 4.05 Adicaido 4.35 Kung Frode 5.05 Veni Vidi Vici

STALLS: 5f & 1m 6f - omsede: rest - melde DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 67 & 76.

Fibresand surject; left-hand sharp, and course.

Course is fan W of Newark. Rolleston June adjoins course. ADMISSION: Club 512: Tautersalls &6 (OA) members of course's

BLINKERS FIRST TIME: Elemetica (visored) (2,00); Urban Lily

Diamond Club 5 1, accompanied under-16s free L CAR PARK: Fre

(2.30); Sin Garden (4.05). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None WINNESS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS None.
LONG-DISTANCE KINNNESS Ready To Draw (2.30) has been sent 209 miles by B O'Sullivan from Whitcombe, Dorset; Plashfeet (2.00) sent 193 miles by K Bishop from Spation, Somerset; Stackist Lad (2.30), Urban Lily (2.30) & Cedar Dancer (4.05) sent 187 miles by R Hodges from Charkon Adam, Somerset.

2.00 AMETHYST AMATEUR HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 7f

7 100/P04 PUBLIC WAY (7) (9) N Chamberton 6 10 6 Miles Diagna Jones (8) 7 V
7 100/P04 PUBLIC WAY (7) (9) N Chamberton 6 10 6 Miles C Medicalle (8) 5
8 000000 INSMERIA (8) D Chapman 6 10 6 Miles R Clear 10 V
9 030350 SPANISH STREPFER (223) M Chapman 5 10 4 Jién S Bouley 2
10 600/600 RNN THE CHIEF (6) M Lister 4 9 13 Miles A Uniter (5) 11
10 000000 GNANISH AND SILE (25) J Clear 3 9 B A Mr W Wengron (5) 8 J
12 0000-00 CAMBERIASS COMET (203) B Procer 5 9 7 Miles I. Bouwell (5) 1
12 0000-00 CAMBERIASS COMET (203) B Procer 5 9 7 Miles I. Bouwell (5) 1

- 12 declared -BETTING: 5-2 Montone, 7-2 Public Way, 9-2 Pris Creiser, 5-1 Spanish Stripper, 6-1 David James' Girl, Flashfeet, 12-1 Blow Dry, 16-1 others 2.30 DIAMOND CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 1m 6f

3.05 LANGLEYS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 270 57 4 JACK SAYS (18) T Easterby 9 0 ______M Block 5 SED TEST (USA) (14) W O'Gorman 9 0 _____MORROWA 4

5 RED TEST (ISA) (1.4) W O'Comman 9 0 ... Emman O'Bonnum 4
RESING GLORY S Bouring 9 0 ... A Culture 8
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7 50 MANGLERIN GLORY S Bouring 9 0 ... A Culture 8
8 50 MANGLERIN GLORY S BOURING S 6
8 50 MANGLERIN GLORY S 9 ... A Studentier (7) 8
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8 50 MANGLERIN GLORY MANGLERIN GLORY S 9 ... A Studentier 9 9 ... R Studentier 9 9

- 10 declared -BETTING: 7-2 Lacky Calcacod, 9-2 Emma's Risk, Calchou, 5-1 Jack Says.

3.35 MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS E) (DIV I) £3,700 added 3YO 1m BETTING: 11-4 Qualitair Beasty, 3-1 Larry Lambrusco, 7-2 Hedadabh Newbridge Boy, 4-1 Magic Heights, 14-1 Sites, 20-1 others

4.05 PEARL SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS G)

504-06 CHANAMON STICK (34) P Feigne 3 7 10 ...

— 14 declared —
Affiliam velgis: 7st 100. The handings velgits: Hannais Boy 7st Sp. Rusy
Plus 7st 7b, Crinemon Sich 7st 4b, Trushwood 7st 2b.
BETTIME: 4-1 Clelly Lad, 5-1 Sis Gerden, Down Patrol, Frankly Fran, 6-1
Yrumble, 7-1 Coder Dencer, 8-1 Gee Gee Tee, 16-1 others

4.35 EMERALD HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 5f

SETTING: 4-1 Fraction Kelly, 9-2 Sitten Ledger, 5-1 Kung Frade, Delrub. 7-1 Kaler, 8-1 Dagolera, 10-1 others

5.05 MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS E) (DIV I) £3,700 added 3YO 1m

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526-30 HORESTI (36) C Battain 4.8 10

HYPERION 6.35 Boston Rock 7.05 Mald By The Fire 7.35 Chinensis 8.05 Coastguards Hero 8.35 Ancient Quest 9.05 Scissor Ridge

GOING: Straight, course - Good; round course - Good to Firm.
STALLE: Straight, - stands' side; round - inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5f and 6f. High for 7f to 1m.
Right-hand course with sinery bends and gradients. Soitable for the well-balanced, athletic horse.

Baccecourse is N of Chichester between A286 and A285. Chichester station 4m. ADMISSION; Richmond Enclosure \$16, Gordon Enclosure \$10, Public Enclosure \$4 (over-65s \$3). Accompanied under-17s free all enclosures. CAR PARK: \$2.

RLINKERED FIRST TIME: Maid By The Pire (7.96), Hever Golf **Bagi**e (8.05). Dagie (8.08).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Get Tough (7.35) won here on Friday.
LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Dramatic Act (8.05) has been sent 165 udies by C R Barwell from Stootheigh, Devon; indian Jockey (6.35) sent 131 miles by M Pipe from Nicholaskagne, Devon.

6.35 SOUTH COAST RADIO AMATEUR HAND-ICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 added 1m 1

7.05 GOODWOOD GOLF CLUB MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £6,000 added 270 filles of

7.35 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS H'CAP (CLASS D) £5,500 added 3YO 1m 2f

8.05 SOUTHERN FM CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £5,000 added 370 1m

8.35 SUSSEX ENTERPRISE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,500 edded 3YO 1m 4f C22 ANCIENT QUEST (LA) (BF) N Cataghan 9 0Pat Edday 4 ARROGROS (16) / Gorden 9 0 ______ 6 Hend 2
CARALLIAS (USA) Lord Humington 9 0 ._____ 1 Reid 5
JAZZ KING Mass Goy Releasey 9 0 ._____ Dearn 07Nell (3) 3 - 8 declared BETTING: 9-4 Aridises, 7-2 Tiger Laise, 4-1 Acciont Quest, 5-1 Nuzz,
6-1 Cobalius, 12-1 Sheras, 16-1 others

AMBROSE HARCOURT'S HEART & SOUL

9.05 HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,500 added 66

MARKET RASEN

HYPERION 6.50 Stan Wyn 7.20 Phatarope 7.50 Strong Sound 8.20 Gale Ahead 8.50 Tukano 9.20 Catch The Wind

GODNG: Good to Firm (Good in places).

Eight-hand, sharp, undulating circuit. Run-in of one furlong.

Course is E of town on AS31. Market Rasen station (Lincoln Cirimsby line) 1 m. ADMISSION: Cab \$12; Tattersalls \$8 (OAPs see Chib OAPs \$2.50). CAR PARK: picnic areas 52, rest free.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Eithe Justice, Mendip Son (6.50). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Phalarope (7.20) won at Worcester on Saturday; Talasao (8.50) won at Perth on Friday. LONG-DISTÂNCE EIJNNERS: Winnale Lorraine (8.20) has been sent 227 miles by R Alber from Droop, Dorset; Sargical Spirit; (6.50) sent 212 miles by J Poulson from Telecombe, E Sussex; Sabotense (8.20) sent 207 miles by J Poulson from Lewes, E Sussex; Sabotense (8.20) sent 207 miles by J Poulson from Lewes, E Sussex; Channel Pastime (7.50) sent 196 miles by D Burchell from Bricry Hifl, Gwent; Chris's Glen (7.20) & Maggiota Green (8.20) gent 185 miles by J M Bradley from Sedbury, Gwent.

6.50 PROMOTA JOCKEYS TITLE SELLING HUR-DLE (CLASS G) £2500 added 2m 1f 110yds F/P45- NEXEMBEAD LASS (13) C Smath 8 10 8 ______ M Ramger 04PP66- SURGICAL SPRIT (18) J Poston 6 10 8 _____ M Gaste (3) B 12 400063- SWISS MOUNTAIN (22) P Beam 6 10 8W Worthington
- 12 declared BETTRN: 3-1 Sian Wys, 9-2 Lago Lago, 8-1 Ellio Justice, 8-1 Mannis Son,
10-1 Swiss Mountain, Normed Lag, 12-1 others

7.20 ROSELAND GROUP HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2m 3f 110yds

BETTING: 7-4 Phalorupe, 9-2 Pasja, 5-1 Dark Silhoed 7-1 Croushoo Cross, 8-1 Carle's Gen, 12-1 others

7.50 TOTE SUMMER FESTIVAL HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £12,500 added 2m 4f

- 9 declared BETTIME: 9-4 Postage Streep, 3-1 Wise Approach, 6-1 Strong Sound, 7
1 Cross Common, 8-1 Streepid, 16-1 Bobby Socks, 12-1 others 8.20 LINCOLNSHIRE ECHO HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £6,000 added 3m 1f

- 11 declared BETTING: 7-2 Gaie Abend, 4-1 Adrien, 9-2 East Houston, 6-1 Winnie Lorenton, Romany King, 12-1 Knockumehia, Regardess, 14-1 others 8.50 ROTARY CLUB NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 2m 3f 110yds

PETING: 45 Mazzak. 3-1 Telepina. 6-1 Rhyor Room. 14-1 Calchury 9.20 STANDARD OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS

H) £1,600 added 1m 5f 110yds

- 13 declared -BETTING: 2-1 Boundtohomor, 3-1 Catch The Whal, 6-1 Chief Of Khoras-san, 8-1 Rocket Ron, 10-1 Petit Fiera, 12-1 General Monty, 18-1 others

While the Turks have as much chance as the Dog and Duck B team of reaching the final, their fans are truly world class

at the City Ground on Tuesday that suggested Euro 96 might not have diverted the English football fan away from his annual summer workout on his lethargy. It was a chant 10 minutes before the start of Turkey's match against Croatia.

While the Turks probably have as much chance as the Dog and Duck Sunday B team of reaching the final at Wembley on 30 June, their fans truly are world class. There were no more than 10,000 in Nottingham and frankly they would have outshouted the Kop, the Stretford End or any of the great English citadels of support of the Sixties.

Stereotypes were hard to resist. There'll not be a kebab house in north London open tonight," one colleague commented, then somebe overlong after all.

A massive sound broke out from the Bridgford Stand which must have been similar to the industrial action mantra of "What do we want?" As one, the Turkish contingent in the opposite Trent Stand replied on the lines of: "Three goals."

It does not take a Wordsworth or a Keats to devise a ditty that will catch on quickly, but the choreography and the word perfection made it obvious that this chant was born in Istanbul. A large majority of the people clad in red and white were not Forest fans doing a foreigner or even immigrants based over here. They were from Turkey.

This was confirmed by a conversation in a nearby public house af- Independent revealed yesterday, the thing happened to suggest that the terwards. An English Turk who, as on-paper mirage of full stadiums has

queues for a large donner in Hol-loway and Wood Green might not a kebab house in the Potteries, said that Turkey's first appearance in an international finals since 1954 had dragged compatriots from all over Europe. "A lot are from England," he agreed, "but most aren't. Have a look. It's like Istanbul in the town centre.

One thing the City Ground had not been was a centre for impartiality. There were either Turks or Croats in the crowd. The number of English people there just to watch the "biggest sports event in this country for 30 years" was minimal. As it had been at Elland Road on Sunday and St James' Park on Monday.

Already it is apparent that Euro 96's "nearly sold out" notices posted before the tournament kicked off has been a statistic worth damning. As the



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been the result of shifting thousands of tickets on a "sale or no return" basis to foreign football associations, many of whom did not have an

earthly of finding takers for them.

Each nation received 7,000 and if Croatia, for example, sold more than 700 for Tuesday's match then some-

transport links around Nottingham because they did not make it to the ground. Instead there was the ludiof a half-full stadium. Thankfully, the organisers will be allowing ticket sales at the turnstiles when Turkey meet Portugal this afternoon.

Rather than seats being like golddust, a more pertinent image of Euro 96 in group matches not involving England and Scotland was at Old Trafford last Sunday. Germany are one of the great pulls of the tour-nament but touts found so little interest in their grubby trade that they were off-loading their bundles of tickets for £5 apiece.

Which invites the question why the

English fan has largely resisted the temptation to go to see the likes Rui Costa, Youri Djorkaeff etc. A very

one should have a serious look at the small and hugely unscientific straw poll seems to suggest interest is greatest the further south you go. In London, where the ethnic mix is more crous sight of 4,000 Turks locked out diverse and England matches are accessible. Euro 96 excitement is intense (which makes you wonder why Highbury did not host any group matches). In the northern cities, where our

leading club sides come from, less so. An official suggested that was due in part to the proximity of the tournament to the end of the domestic season. "Euro 96 seemed very unimportant," he said, "in places like Manchester where half the city was worried about relegation and the other about the destination of the championship." It is only a month. too, since Liverpool and Newcastle minds were being diverted towards

There is also the problem of

cash. One friend took his son to watch Manchester United in the FA Cup final at Wembley and while he would love to extend his first born's knowledge of international football he simply cannot afford to fork out more. Not when he is quoted seat

prices at £45. Like the FA Cup semi-final at Old Trafford, there appears to have been a miscalculation as to what people are prepared to pay even for the highest profile of matches and that mistake might have implications for England's hopes of hosting the World Cup in 2006. If a tournament with 16 nations cannot sell out, what chance

is there for one comprising 329 A banner at St James Park on Monday summed up the mood of some. "No Cantona, no Ginola" it read. "No supporters." It could have added: No World Cup either.

Spaniards rocking to royal tunes

The King of Spain may not be Nielsen has hinted that the 26in England - but his players year-old Aalborg striker, his last sought inspiration from Queen as they prepare to meet France at Elland Road tomorrow.

"It was very positive, it relaxed us and we trained well." said the defender Miguel Angel Nadal yesterday - after an intense training session on Wednesday which was accompanied by loud rock music from the British band, Queen.

Spanish journalists who have The coach, Javier Clemente, is looking to make up for limited pre-tournament preparation. with players exhausted after a long domestic season. "Not everyone in Spain listens to flamenco, but we all like Queen," Nadal said. "I think it must have been the coach's choice."

Nadal is still ineligible to face France - he will be serving the last match of his two-match two matches. I'm waiting with a reering or in World Cup centre-back said he was working hard to be taken into account for the last mann believes Euro 96 would group match against the Ro-

manions next week. erro said Spain did not play the are a lot of big players missing. music again for vesterday's session. "We did vesterday beformer Tottenham striker said. cause it was an important physical session," said the Real mental in Spain's recovery against Bulgaria on Sunday. "Clemente chose music that, it's clear, everyone likes," he added.

mark's Euro 96 squad, could lead their attack against Croatia at Hillsborough on Sunday. The coach Richard Moller

REMAINING FIXTURES: Tomorrow Solland o. Regiand (3.0) (at Wernbley). Rue 18 Jame: Scotland v England (7.30) (at Wernbley). Aut 1914 Port): England v Netherlands (7.30) (at Wernbley).

PREVIOUS RESULTS: Spain 1 Bulgaria 1; Romania O France 1.

REMAINING FIXTURES: Tomorrow: Franco v Speri (6.0) (at Elland Road). The 18 June: Franco v Bulgana (4.30) (et St

choice in the 22-man squad, would be in the defending champions side for their second Group D game. Andersen will probably replace Mikkel Beck, who had a disappointing game in the 1-1 draw with Portugal

A quick striker who likes to make darting runs straight for goal, Andersen could trouble the group leaders. Croatia, a covered the national team for slower side than Portugal. He many years could not recall a has only two caps, his first in a tougher session than that for the crucial Group B encounter. States in 1992, the second as a substitute in Denmark's last Euro 96 warm-up against Ghana a week before the tournament started.

> Moller Nielsen has also indicated that Michael Schionberg, a strong runner with a good left foot noted for his skill in dead-ball situations and a long throw-in, may replace Jens Risager on the left flank.

Denmark's goalkeeper, Peter ban after being sent off in a Schmeichel, believes they can qualifier. "It was a silly offence afford only a draw against Croafor handball that didn't merit—tia and still qualify for the quarter-finals. 'A draw would suit us some anger." he said. The Turkey." the Manchester United stalwart said.

Germany's Jürgen Klinshave been all the better for the presence of absent stars, like The midfielder Fernando Hi- France's Eric Cantona. "There "It is a pity. He became foot-baller of the year in England, is Madrid player who was instru- a marvellous player and yet he cannot participate in this tournament.

"Roberto Baggio. Signori and Vialli have all been worldclass players for a long time and Soren Andersen, who can-celled a planned holiday in Spain after a late call to Den-the decisions of the managers and they take the re-sponsibility. If it doesn't work out for them they will get the blame at the end of the day."

REMAINING FOXTURES: Today: Portugal v Turkey (4.30) tal the City Ground). Sun 18 Jame: Croesa v Denmark (5.0) (at Hillador-Osgis, Wed 19 Jame: Costa v Portugal (4.30) (at City Ground): Furkey v Denmark (4.30) (at Hilladorough).



Robbed: Romania's "goal that wasn't" at St James' Park yesterday. Dorinel Munteanu's long-range shot hits the Bulgarian bar and bounces down behind Bobby Mikhailov - and behind the line Photograph: Simon Bruty/Allsport

Photograph: Simon Bruty/Allsport

More tickets put on sale

The Euro 96 organisers yesterday announced a change in ticket sales policy to allow spectators easier access to the remaining games.

The new arrangements allow fans to book tickets using the tournament's telephone "hotline" and then collect their tickets at the box office on match-day. Tickets are also being sold direct from club box offices up until the day before a game and from city-centre venues on match days. Originally, tickets had to be purchased five days in advance and there were no match-day sales.

Sec. 22 June: Winners Group A v Rumers-up Group B (3,0) (at Nemaley: Winners Group B v Rumers-up Group A (8,30) (at Anfalo). Sum 23 June: Winners Group C v Puriners-up Group D (3,0) (at Old Tordbrof: Winners Group D v Rumers-up Group C (8,30) (at Vi-la Paris.

Wed 26 June: Asheld q-f womers v Villa Park. q-f womers (5.0) (at Old Trafford); Wearbley q-f womers v Old Trafford q-f womers (7.30) (at Mambley).

CARD COUNT: Group A: 10 yellow cards, 0 yell, Group R: 12 yellow, 2 red. Group C: 15 yellow, 0 red. Group D: 11 yellow 0 red. Total: 48 yellow, 2 red.

Sun 30 June: (7.0) (at Wembler).

Discipline

expect applications to run smoothly. It was announced that tickets for the Wembley quarter-final on 23 June were available via the "hotline" - but a call was met with confusion 'It's a sell-out," a salesman said. "There is nothing on our computer screens." However, you can get tickets at £56 and

£75 each by going to the Wembley box office in person. Glen Kirton, the tournament director, said: "The good behaviour of fans has made it possible to review our ticketing policy. These arrangements have been drawn up in conjunction with the relevant au-

The move should ease some of the criticism aimed at Kirton's organisation about the number of empty seats around the grounds. The average attendance at the first eight games was officially 83 per cent of capacity. The real figure was somewhat less, due to the fact that foreign football federations had bought tickets on a

non-return basis. Those unsold tickets count as sold in attendance figures, but are represented by rows of empty seats in actuality. "It's something that's beyond our control," a Euro 96 press spokesman said yesterday. "They [the foreign federations]

GROUND-BY-GROUND ANALASELTY: Villa Peric Scotland v Svitzerland (lives 18 June); Quarter-final (Sun 23 June); Limited number of tickes available va notine and in person from club box office. Amfield: Czech Republic (Wed 19 June): Tickes available up to 1pm on match days at the ground, Old Braffond: Russia v Germany (Sun 16 June); Quarter-final (Sun 23 June); Semi-final (Wed 28 June): Limited number of tickess available va hot-line and in person from club office. Hills-borooght Croatia v Denmark (Sun 16 June): Tickets can be purchased at Prods Forge in-ternational Sports Centre up until 4pm on match day, Linkey v Denmark (Wed 19 June) As above until 2.30pm on match day. City match day, Turkey v Denmark (Wed 19 June) As above until 2.30pm on match day. City Grounds Portugal v Turkey (today); Croatea v Portugal (Wed 19 June); Tickets can be purchased up until 2.30pm on match days at Notis County FC, Ellend Read: Romeria v Spain (See 18 June); Tickets can be purchased up to leck-off at the Cwic Centre, Leeds, and Leeds Railway Stepon. St James Partic France v Bulgaria (Tue 18 June); Tickets can be purchased up until leck-off at St James Metro station car park. Weatbley: Quanter-final (Sat 23 June). Limited number of tackets available mt person from Wentbley by office.

Angry McCarthy sees red

layed taking a free-kick and was dismissed after Mexico's Jose

Abundis reminded Dominguez

that the Coventry defender had

been booked already. Quinn ran

from his seat on the bench and

Republic of Ireland

The Football Association of Ireland is threatening to reject all future invitations to play in the US Cup unless tournament organisers promise to improve referecing standards.

The Republic are incensed after having their manager Mick McCarthy, the defender Liam Daish and the striker Niall Quinn sent off as Wednesday night's 2-2 draw with Mexico at the Giants Stadium in New Jersey ended in chaos. The referee, Raul Dominguez from was also sent off after appear-Miami, also showed yellow cards ing to grab Abundis. Three

to Alan Moore, Alan McLough-lin and David Connolly. At the minutes later, McCarthy be-came the third Irishman to see final whistle, Domingeuz went red when he threw the ball into un into the stands to embrace a the crowd to prevent the Mexgroup of Mexican supporters and icans taking a quick free-kick.
"I have never seen anything like what happened on the present them with the match ball. The game erupted in the 57th minute with the Republic pitch," McCarthy said. "These leading 2-1 thanks to Connoltwo Mexicans were giving me ly's second goal in four indog's abuse when the ball landternationals and an own goal by ed in our dug-out area. They wanted to take a quick free-kick. Julio Cesar Davino. Daish de-

I threw the ball over my shoulder into the crowd."

A ball-winner with a touch of class

THE SPOT

A re-watching of the European Italy in 1994 and was a massive Cup final will emphasise the influence in Juventus' title the importance of Paulo Sousa. following season. I don't think For an hour, until an injury he there can be any doubt that he had taken into the match was the best player in Scrie A, forced him to withdraw, the Ju-the Napoli coach, Vujadin ventus midfield player was a to-Boskov, said. "He was at the tal pain to Ajax.

te (who also left the field after 43 minutes) pushed the Dutch back, disnipted their flow and forced their passes to their front plavers to be longer than they wished. A pattern was set from which Ajax did not break. Del Piero, Ravanelli and Vialli may have grabbed the eye; it was Paulo

Sousa who got them The 25-year-old provides Juventus coach, persisted with

heart of everything Juve did. Harrying running and tack- He has a great passing game ing he and Antonio Con- and his support play is extended who also left the cellent. What makes it

more remarkable was that it was his first season in Italy. Only players of extraordinary intelligence who have a good tactical brain can adapt so quickly."

Sadly, his second year, which was undermined by a series of niggling muscular successful, although it was pertinent that Marcello Lippi, the

the same sort of service for Por- him in the European Cup final togal. Playing just in front of the despite his being less than ful-back four, he tackles until he ly fit. If he is now fully fit, howdrops, but also directs operatives. Portugal will revolve tions with distribution which is round him. "I'm more of a well above par for the ball-win-tier in the team strategist, a maker of chances," Paulo Sousa said. "My job is to Initially with Benfica and get hold of the ball and create.

Sporting Lisbon, he moved to I'm at the service of the team."



EURO 96 No. 5: £1. The price of a cup of Amfield on Tuesday. RIP-OFFS Have you come across any manager no-offs? If so, fax details to Euro-spy on 0171 293 2894.

Turks veto

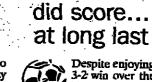


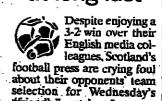
Uefa's efforts to promote fair play were lost on Turkey's football reporters, who have slammed the defender Alpay Ozalan for not stopping Croatia's Goran Viaovic run from the half-way

fine to score a fate winner at the Cay Ground on Tuesday. Newspapers said Alpay, praised by European foot-ball's governing body for his "gentlemanly conduct" in not fouling his opponent, should have had no qualins about using underhand methods to stop Vlaovic's solo run. "He could have bung on to his waist and prevented the goal," the newspaper Hurryet said. "It might have been a bit ugly but he could even have tripped

him up from behind. At least we would have won a point." Sabah, a rival paper, went even further. No team made up of professionals would have lost a goal like that."

And Smith did score...





selection for Wednesday's "friendly" match at Luton. Mark Bright, the Sheffield Wednesday striker and a BBC Radio Five Live match summariser, scored the second goal for the English press team, after which the Scots claimed that the home side had broken a pre-match agreement not to field any cur-

rent professional players. The Scots' first goal was scored by a former professional: Gordon Smith, now of BBC Radio Scotland but once of Brighton and Hove Albion, Manchester City and Rangers. Another triumph for the Scottish press saw them beat the English 3 and 2 in a matchplay golf tournament at Strat-ford upon Avon.

FOOTBALL: THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE "¿Quién es el hijó de puta vestido de negro con un pito?"

...which is Spanish for: "Who's the son of a bitch in the black with the whistle?"



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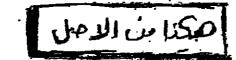
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Dog and Dog Edberg has' hold over **Ivanisevic**

JOHN ROBERTS

reports from Queen's Club

The popular acclaim which has accompanied Stefan Edberg throughout his retirement season continued here yesterday when the Swede advanced to the quarter-finals of the Stella Artois Championships at the expense of Goran Ivanisevic.

It was Edberg's third consecutive win against the Croat, and he now leads their head-tohead 9-8. Ivanisevic won their only previous encounter on grass, at Wimbledon in the 1992 quarter-finals.

Ivanisevic seemed more concerned about a strained tendon in his right knee, which was strapped from 2-5 in the second set, than the defeat, 6-7, 6-2, 7-6. "I always play bad here," he said. "I don't feel so bad, because I always lose. When you come to England you have to have some kind of tradition, so

> Edberg, seeded as low as No 14 because of his ranking at No 26, performed with the verve which brought him the title here in 1991 and the Wimbledon championship on two

Recovering from the disappointment of losing the first set

control of the second set from the moment in the third game when Ivanisevic lost his temper after being denied an ace by a

It appeared that Edberg would cruise through the final set after Ivanisevic doublefaulted into trouble in the third game, and was broken. But the Croat assured the Centre Court of a dramatic finale by breaking back when Edberg served for the match at 5-4.

Ivanisevic never recovered af-ter double-faulting to give the Swede a 3-1 lead in the tiebreak, and although he looked startled when his forehand ser-vice return was called out on match point, at 3-7, there could be little doubt that Edberg had earned his success over the two hours' play.
There was a minor sensation

when the top two seeds advanced to the last eight, the No I being that grass-court alien Thomas Muster. The Austrian gains the vast majority of his ranking points on clay, and has yet to win a match at Wimbledon.

Muster is the antithesis of the No 2 seed. Germany's Boris Becker, who has never been able to win a title on clay courts but yesterday became the first man to win 100 matches on grass since John McEnroe in 1989. Becker defeated the Ameri-

Muster beat Andrei Olhovskiy, 6-2, 6-4, unnerving the Russian into committing the kind of errors Britain's Tim Henman rarely had a sniff at the previ-

Muster and Becker, who have been on the tour for 13 years, can Jonathan Stark, 6-4, 6-2. learned the game on slow Eu-

ropean clay. But while Muster's tenacious baseline style remains true to its roots, Becker's inclination to serve and volley enabled his career to take off at Queen's and soar at Wimbledon.

Asked where he would seed Muster for Wimbledon, Becker smiled and said: "You'd bet-

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Penney prospers for champions Essex take their chances Durham's shortcomings exposed

At home on grass: Boris Becker during his win over Jonathan Stark yesterday - his 100th win on the surface

ter ask me on Sunday." He added: "Thomas did win on a fast indoor court in Essen last October, and if you have good groundstrokes and good returns you can play well from the backcourt at Wimbledon, as Agassi has done.

happy medium between his baseline style and the advantage of attacking the net. "I'm still thinking too much about what I have to do," he said. "I think my timing was better today, especially on the returns, but I was not too happy with my serve." Becker, runner-up to Pete

to miss the French Open. QUARTER-FINALS LINE-UP: 1 Muster (Aud) v M Whoofforde (Aus); 5 Ednerg (Swc) bt T Mar-un (US); M Such (Ger) v W Fernerra (SA); P Rafter (Aus) v B Becker (Ger).

Photograph: Robert Hallam Sampras at Wimbledon last year

and went on to win the Australian Open in January, expressed sat-isfaction with his recovery from a thigh injury which caused him

Dutch top seed pulls through

sport

Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, the top seed from the Netherlands, encouraged by 50 Dutch foothall fans in the gallery, had to struggle to survive before win-ning her third-round match in the DFS Classic at Edghaston

yesterday. Schultz-McCarthy, who is oft 2in tall, finally beat the Italian Gloria Pizzichini, who is just over five feet, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3 to reach the quarter-finals of this

Wimbledon warm-up event. Pizzichini, ranked 52 in the world, 42 places below her rival, won the first set after losing a 5-2 lead and then, at 3-3 in the second set, had three break points.

That was the turning point, Schultz-McCarthy said. "If I hadn't saved those break points it would have been very difficult because on these courts it is hard to break back. But it was a good match for me to win for not many people return my serve as well as Gloria did today." Schultz-McCarthy has the

fastest serve in the women's game and was timed at 121 mph at the Australian Open in Junuary. But she hopes to be a bit quicker at Wimbledon.

Though the third-seeded with a knee injury, was crushed 6-1, 6-0 by American Meredith McGrath, the big surprise of the day came when Lori McNeil. the sixth seed, was beaten 6-3. 1-6, 6-3 by Germany's Christi-

na Singer. McNeil, who beat Steffi Graf in the first round at Wimbledon two years ago, won this tournament in both 1993 and 1994 and was runner-up last year.



1994

Gough seizes his chance to impress

DEREK PRINGLE

reports from Headingley Warwickshire 306

Exercises in futility are not uncommon in county cricket. Nornally, though, these take part ater in the season, and then only between sides languishing between mid-table and bottom place, with little more to look forward to than their end-of-

It is definitely not something expected from teams jostling for position at the head of the able, as Yorkshire and Warvickshire currently are, the pair front of Ray Illingworth.

being top and fourth respectively before yesterday's meeting at Headingley. There were, however, miti-

gating circumstances; both sides had missed out on a Lord's final the day before, losing matches that they were well poised to win. When the making or breaking of a season rests upon such things, mass disap-pointments are inevitable.

Inevitably it was the players who put Wednesday's disap-pointment behind them who prospered most. Trevor Penney's watchful century was nicely countered by a timely performance from Darren Gough, whose 4 for 66 was achieved in

England in the one-day matches against India, was not selected for the first Test. If that came as a disappointment, he has gone about responding with deeds rather than dogma. It was, however, Peter Hart-

ley, his new-ball partner, who started the sequence when he got Wasim Khan to play over one well up in the left-hander's blockhole. Gough removed Andy Moles with a corker that slipped under the bat, a ball he later reproduced to get rid of Dougie Brown, just as the allrounder began to look set.

majority of Yorkshire support-

Gough, who bowled well for wondering what might have ngland in the one-day match-been had such a policy been pursued during the frenetic last few overs on Wednesday, rather than on a balmy day at home. Warwickshire's supporters

could almost be forgiven for thinking the same and, whereas on Wednesday they had fallen in a welter of run-outs, there was not even the slightest hint of a poorly judged run yester-day, despite only four players making double-figure scores.

Led by Penney, whose 125 took a shade under five hours and contained 11 fours and ounder began to look set. two sixes, the visitors struggled interference from the committee.

If Gough's bowling raised the to cope with a slow flat pitch. — something that has never hap-Only Dominic Ostler was able

the ball with immense power before a miscued pull gave Chris Silverwood a caught and bowled.

It was the wicket that awak-

ened the home side from their semi-final torpor, who, but for Penney's painstaking care, would have ended the day in a far more commanding position. Apart from his partnerships of 116 with Ostler and 73 with Dermot Reeve, Warwickshire looked more out of sorts than their opponents.

There are many who feel Yorkshire's strong showing this season is due to a policy of nonpened in the past-and talk is that ers' spirits, there were still those to dominate the bowling, stolking the captain, David Byas, has just

Such progressive thinking has been late in coming, and yet no one can accuse Yorkshire of heing behind the times on other matters, which includes amongst other things their very own web site on the Internet. But if people have spent

been allowed to get on with it.

decades trying to get through to the committee, it seems that a Raj K Tikia, an Indian based in New Orleans, has broken through on the Net, apparently in order to have a net. Tikia e-mailed Yorkshire to ask for an intensive coaching session at their indoor school. Yorkshire obliged and Tikia travelled the 4,500 miles last week. He has his

scant consolation Nayan Mongia gave the Indians a much-needed boost but the

Mongia gives India

tourists were left with plenty of problems to solve after another batting collapse at Derby yes-Mongia has been pencilled in

to open in next week's second Test match at Lord's and he justified that promotion with an accomplished unbeaten 74. However, the recognised batsmen failed again, with the captain Mohammed Azharuddin scoring only 21 as Derbyshire bowled the tourists out for 229 in 66 overs.

The Indians, who rested Sachin Tendulkar, were facing big problems at one stage when they slumped to 110 for 8, but the last two wickets added 119 to put the earlier batting into

Although a grassy pitch pro-vided assistance to the pace bowlers, India's pre-lunch collapse after being put in was down to poor batting. Devon Malcolm bowled with pace and accuracy to finish with 4 for 60 from 21 overs, but India's toporder batting lacked application.

Mongia was a notable exception as be occupied the crease for just short of four hours to supervise a partial recovery. Salil Ankola opted for a vivid counter-attack which brought him a career-best 45 including two sixes and six fours from only 35 balls in an eighthwicket stand of 58 in 10 overs.

When Derbyshire batted, Ankola, who joined the tour last week, had Tim Tweats caught behind in the eighth over. Derbyshire closed on 80 for 3.

Gooch provides spark Austin savages Durham

HENRY BLOFELD Maybe after the excitement surely, drove pleasantly and hit

Vorthamptonshire's innings was curious mixture. On a pitch thich had an uneven bounce. post of their runs came from unxpected sources while the exerienced batsmen contributed

Vorthants 214; Essex 63-0

... eports from Chelmsford

urprisingly few. Northamptonshire owed their nly batting point to a last-wick-t stand of 51 from Neil Malinder and Paul Taylor. There as notable absentees on both ides. Mark flott is nursing a broen right hand while Northamponshire were without Curtly unbrose, who has hurt his back, nd Kevin Curran, whose wife as just given birth to a son.

and drama of their Benson and Hedges semi-final, the first day of a four-day match before not much of a crowd was an anti-climax for Northants. In any event, the only sparkle all day came in the last 40 overs of the day from Graham Gooch, who cut, pulled and drove as only he can.

At the start Richard Mont-

gomerie soon drove at Steve Andrew and was comfortably caught at second slip by Gooch. The second wicket fell at 43 when Rob Bailey tried to glance Ashley Cowan and was caught behind. David Roberts, who is 19 and playing his first Championship match, was joined by Mal Loye. They added 62, the biggest stand of the innings. In a compact way Roberts made a good impression. He defended

seven fours in his 41. He showed that there is good material for John Emburey to work with.

Love played some good shots too, but he should cut out the pull or do some hard work on it. He always seemed to hit the ball in the air. He was caught behind flashing outside the offstump at Andrew, and the middle and lower order then capitulated against steady bowling.

The exception was Andy Roberts (no relation), who played some robust strokes, taking 15 in an over off Ronnie Irani. When he was caught off bat and pad at silly point, Northants were 163 for 9. Taylor, who must be the best No 11 in the country, and Mallender held up Essex for 22 overs, putting the pitch into a truer perspective.

MIKE CAREY

reports from Chester-le-Street Lancs 264; Durham 138-8

Lancashire's batting had a fragile look about it yesterday until Ian Austin made an umbeaten 95 from 89 balls with a savagery that exposed the shortcomings of Durham's attack. He scattered runs around like confetti on a pitch where batsmen

invariably have to work hard. Just exactly how hard Durham then discovered when Glen Chapple and Peter Martin, putting the ball in the right place with a consistency that latterly had eluded their opponents, quickly tore the heart out of Durham's innings. With 18 wickets falling in the day, the

umpires would have been obliged to inform the TCCB last night. But they might have added that though the bounce was inconsistent, batsmen were not endangered and there was a lot of moderate batting. Although Durham have a suspended sentence of a 10-point deduction

hanging over them, they may be able to breathe easily this time. That could not be said for Lancashire who, after their epic win over Yorkshire, probably have much to celebrate. But at 115 for 6, with two front-line batsmen out injured, they had plenty of time for sober reflection as they were undone initially by Simon Brown, the country's leading wicket-taker who is very much in the selectors' thoughts. Not least of his

attributes is the ability to bring

the ball back into the right-hander. But yesterday he removed Mike Atherton with a beauty that left him late: then he pinned Nick Speak with an inswinger.

Durham's troubles started

when Melvyn Betts, who hit pitch and bat hard, bowled five noballs in an over. In the confusion, Steve Tichard got out to one that was wide and legal. Betts went for 38 in three overs and did not appear until later, when he bowled another over containing no-balls and a wide. Steve Lugsden's pace posed problems, but straightness was not one of his virtues. That was shown later not only by Martin and Chapple but by Steve Elworthy, who, often reaching the wicketkeeper at chest height. ended a battling innings by

John Morris, who had made 50.

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MIDDLESEX - First Innings

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†K R Brown not out

Middlesex won toss

Lenham solves the puzzle

Mark Alleyne returned career-best figures of 5 for 32 as Sussex were bowled out for a meagre 157 after winning the toss at Bristol. However, that score was made to look respectable as Gloucestershire shumped to 72 for 8 in reply before a stand of 66 between Mike Smith and Martyn Ball took them to 138 for 8 at the close.

It was by no means an impossible pitch and there were some red-faced batsmen on both sides, as only Neal Lenham's 70 for Sussex interrupted the bowler's dominance. Courtney Walsh put Sussex in trouble by removing Bill Athey for a duck and Alan Wells for one with only eight runs on the

board. By lunch the visitors had crawled their way to 40 for 5 but then Lenham launched a spirited counter attack, helping Peter Moores add 86 for the sixth wicket.

Lenham's 70 came off 125 balls, with 13 fours - a tremendous effort on a day when only three other players managed to get past 20. Once the partnership with Moores was broken. Alleyne quickly mopped up the tail with his medium pace.

Gloucestershire were struggling from the moment Nick Trainor departed for four in the opening over from Vashert Drakes, and then Andrew Svmonds was caught trying to hook Ed Giddins.

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R R Mortgomerie e Gooch b Andrew

"R J Salley e Roblins b Cowen

M B Loys e Roblins b Cowen

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IR J Warran e Phichard b Coven

D J Capel e Roblins b Izani

A L Penbertly e Law b Childs

A R Roberts e Lew b Childs

N A Matlender e Andrew b Izani

J P Taylor not out

CRICKET SCOREBOARD Glamorgan v Somerset

Total (for 1, 0.4 overs) 2
Relia 1.2
To bast PD Bowler, ME Trescotheck, AN Hay-harst, R J Turner, PC L Holloway, G D Rose, A R Cardick, K A Parsons, K J Shine. Bowling: Watten 0.4-0-2-1, Unopines: J W Holder and K J Lyons. Gioucestershire y Sussex



Fail: 1-2, 2-8, 3-25, 4-37, 5-37, 6-123, 7-129, 8-141, 9-141. Bowling: Walsh 15.4-7-48-3; Smith 18.2-5-58-1: Alloyne 17-6-32-5; Hancock 3-2-3-0; Davis 5-1-13-1.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE - First louines R P Davis c Greenfield b Law . M C J Bell not out A M Smith not out Extras (b1, b5, rb4) ... Total (for 8, 43 overs). Feb 1-4, 2-23, 3-28, 4-31, 5-43, 6-53, 7-72, 8-72. To bat: "C A Walsh. Bowling: Drakes 9-2-27-2; Lawry 9-1-26-0; Law 12-4-30-3; Globins 13-3-49-3.

Unwires: J H Hampshire and R A White

THE POSTER'S OVAL: Sarrey (Spts) are 340 for 6 in their first innings against Leices-Surrey won toss SURREY - First lawings D.) Bicknell ibw b Parsurs D.J. Bicknell that b Parsons 34
M.A. Butcher c. Meddy b Pierson 120
"A.J. Stowert c. Meddy b Pierson 33
G.P. Thorpe not out 94
A.D. Brown c. and b. Pierson 7
A.J. Hollooke run out 7
C.C. Laws c. Meddy b Pierson 20
T.G.J. Rersey not out 8
Educas (bb. 56, w4, th2) 17
Total (for 8, 104 evens) 340
Fait 1-65, 2-180, 3-227, 4-234, 5-256, 6-320.
To batt M.P. Bicknell P.M. Pierson

Umpires: T E Jessy and N T Piews.

Surrey v Lek

To bat: M P Bicknell, R M Pearson, J E Bén-To date of P Sichney, R M Pearson, J.E. Ben-jamin.
Bowling: Millins 11.3-47-0; Mullahy 20-5-45-0; Wells 13.2-50-0; Parsons 16-3-49-1; Pierson 37-5-122-4; Sammons 7-2-16-0. LEICESTERSERIENE: V.J. Wells, D.L. Maddy, B. FSmith, P.V. Sammons, "J.J. Millins, A.P. K. Pearson, A.D. Mullahy, Umpires: R. Alfan and M.J. Kitchen.

Worces v Nottes WORCESTER: Worcestershire Gotal are 342 for 3 in their first innings against Notting-hemskire (1). Worcestershire won toes WORCESTERSHIRE – First Innings

Yorkshire v Warwickshire HEADNGLEY: Yorkshire (4pts) are 298 mass behind Warwickshire (3) with all firstruns behind Warwickshire (3) will inwings wickets abording (2) will inwings wickets abording (2) will inwings wicketshire van pose (2) warwickshire van pose (2) warwickshire van pose (2) warwickshire van (2) warwickshir Extras (b1, lb11, nb2)... Total (101.3 overs)

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with seven first lumings wickers standing.
Derbyshire won toss
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J Srinath c Adams b Motodin

P L Mharmbrey c Adams b Harns

S A Arkota c Defrestas b Dean

S L V Ragu c Knitken b Malcolm

Extres (b1, 164, w2, nb8)

WOMEN'S FIRST ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL (Lord's): Engaind 139 for 6 (50 overs). New Zealand 140 for 2 (33.3 overs). New Zealand

Starting today FREST CLASS MATCH (Fenner's: three days, including Sunday: 11.0): Combridge University v Hampshire.

RAIN HOGG TROPHY (One day; 11.0); Milton Keynes (Campbell Park); Northampton-shre II v Minor Counties, Shenley, MCC YCs v Essex, Castleford; Yorkshire v Durham.

Faldo and Monty give monster a run for its money

TIM GLOVER

Colin Montgomerie shot 70 and looked suicidal; Nick Faldo shot 72 and was positively philosophical. "I've left my birdie barrage for another day. Faldo said. Neither tamed the "monster", as Oakland Hills is called although several Amer-

inches of rain fell in less than an hour but that is only an estimate. The computer that records such statistics was short circuited by the rain.

There were the occasional soggy lies, and if the greens were not as firm as the United States Golf Association would have liked, they were not as slow as had been anticipated. On the The most extraordinary thing about the US Open is not that measures the speed of greens, Monty scored level par and the reading was an extremely was disgruntled but that the healthy 11. "The course," Falcourse behaved so well after be- do said, "was playing great. ing lashed by a violent thun- There were some tight pin poderstorm on Wednesday, sitions but everything was al-

"I didn't hit it close enough with my irons," he said. "That was about the worst score I could possibly have had." In contrast to Montgomerie, and the Irishman Philip Walton, who shot a one under par 69. Faldo did not give an impersonation of a

Montgomerie and Walton, European Ryder Cup colleagues, played almost flawless golf but once again Monty was dissatisfied. "I didn't convert my opportunities and that

ter. I missed a lot of chances."

Montgomerie appeared on the leaderboard - the front-runners were the former US Open champions Payne Stewart, with

Early first-round scores

"monster", as Oakland Hills is called although several Americans were under par. The most extraordinary thing about the US Open is not that Monty scored level par and was disgruntled but that the course behaved so well after being lashed by a violent thunderstorm on Wednesday. Groundstaff were working until midnight, pumping water from the fairways, greens and bunkers. The eighth fairway, for example, was under six feet of	liked, they were not as slow as had been anticipated. On the stimpmeter, the device that measures the speed of greens, the reading was an extremely	metronome. He hit the ball to the right at the 2nd, 5th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 14th and 18th holes and was clearly in need of some more fine tuning with his coach, David Leadbetter. Faldo's dropped shots came at the 7th where he hit a six-iron into a bunker and the 15th where he three-putted. Like John Daly, Faldo is using a zero-iron, which has a loft of 12 degrees. He used it on seven occasions yesterday. "It has the same effect as a three-	71 74 67 B McCallister, S L Mize, A Ceffe (Ger) P Stewart, W Austin Scott, K Jones, J 75 Leonard, S Tortaines S Court, P President
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of the green, his chip out of the rough was too strong and he missed a 10-foot putt coming back. "It was a very disap-pointing way to finish," he said. Monty had three birdies, which was three more than Faldo.

but had a four at the par three ninth, where his ball was plugged in a bunker. "I was very unlucky," he moaned. There was a similar refrain when he lost a winning position in the Alamo English Open at the Forest of Arden last Sunday.

Walton missed only two fairways and birdied the 2nd, 8th and 10th. The second hole measures 523 yards and Walton was on in two with two drivers. At the 8th, he holed a 20-footer downhill and at the 10th sank a putt from around 15 feet. He rial Tournament two weeks ago.

gained relief on the grounds of casual water.

Ian Woosnam joined Faldo on 72. The Welshman, who birdied the first, said: "I'm driving badly, putting badly and hitting my irons hadly." Apart from that his game was OK. "It's driving me nuts," he said. "The fairways look about as wide as my ball."

Woosnam was playing with Tom Watson, who gained a rare birdie at the punishing 18th for a level par round of 70. At 465 yards, the 18th plays more like a par five than a four but the 46year-old Watson hit driver, 5 iron and rolled in a 15-foot putt for a three.

Watson, who won the Memo-

water but yesterday there ball of pars, two bogeys wood and is perfect for this is something you simply have to until he bogeyed the 18th. He bogeyed the 18th his approach shot to the left was fortunate at the 16th where was fortunated was fortunated was fortunated was fortunat My long putting wasn't real good but I made a lot of short purts and I'm very happy about that I can't complain about a 70. Any time you shoot even par in the US Open you've played a good round of golf." He should

the sun is day. Infl try telling that to Montgomeric.

If Oakland Hills Country Club is the place to churn out pars. Detroit, of course, is the car churning capital of America and a couple of appropriate names appeared on the leaderboard after the first round: Ford and Austin. Bob Ford, playing in only his third US Open at the age of 42, shot 69 and Woody Austin, making his debut in the national championship, had a three-under-par 67 to join Stewart.

Romanians on way home after 'robbery'

Football

GUY HODGSON reports from St James' Park

Romania became the first team to go out of Euro 96 as ill fortune bedevilled BHP196 them at St James' Park yesterday. On Monday a slip by their goalkeeper condemned them to a defeat by the French: this time it was an error by officialdom that cost

With no points from two Group B games, even if they win their final match against Spain raging about it 30 years later be-

survive. It was an unjust outcome to a match in which a television replay proved they should have had an equaliser.

The "goal" that never was

came on the half hour when Gheorghe Hagi dummied to send over a long cross from a corner on the right and then played it instead to the corner of the area to Dorinel Munteanu. The Cologne mid-field player crashed his 25-yard drive against the bar, the ball bounced down and then out, and, as the Romanians protested, Trifon Ivanov headed the

them at least a draw and their ball away.

Slace in the tournament.

Unlike England's third goal in the World Cup final of 1966, there would not be arguments at Elland Road on Tuesday it cause the television replay Gost: Stoichkov (3) 1-0.

BULGARRIA (4-3-1-2): Mildeallov (Readurg; Nishlatev (Neffochirmix Bourgis), Yankov (Bayor Useringerh, Neasov (Rapid Vienna), Tsvetamov (Natifol Mannhelm); Lacticov (Hamburg),
Balakov (vil) Stutgarri, Yordamov (Sporting Lisbon); Stoichkov (Parma); Kostadisov (Bayem Munich), Penev (Atlatoo Madrid), Sathstitutes; Borlanirev (1860 Munich) for Kostadnov, 32; Sharkov (Sateva Solia) for,Penev, 71; Genechev (Luton Town) for Lachico, 39.

ROMANIA (4-3-1-2): Stelea (Stelea Bucharest); Petrascu (Chelsea), Befodiadici (Viderest),
Prodes (Stelea Bucharest), Satjemas (Anderfecht); Lupescu (Bayer Levifusien), Popescu (Bay-schraf), Nidereamu (Cologre); Hagi (Bayrsioras); Lentina (Stelau Bucharest), Reetacioiu (Español), Sobstitutes; Moldovan (Neuchitei Xamax) for Lacatus, 28; Galca (Stelea

will not be enough for them to showed that the ball had crossed the line by about a foot. When the subject of a television-armed second referee in the stands comes before the game's governing body, Fifa, expect Romania to vote for it.

Bobby Mikhailov, Bulgaria's goalkeeper, said: "I didn't see the ball. It's not my problem whether it crossed the line. If it did I would remind you: this is how England won the 1966 World Cup.

The final result was even less satisfactory, because the Romanians dominated the second half, pinning the Bulgarians into their own area for much of the time. Before the match, Reading's Mikhailov had suggested that this meeting of Balkan neighbours would have the intensity of a derby. "A bit like Reading against Oxford," he said, tongue in cheek, but neither Thames valley side, with due respect, has anyone anywhere remotely in the class

of Hristo Stoichkov. Yesterday the Bulgarian striker scored a goal after two to run at the Romanian rearminutes that even great players



Bulgaria's Luboslav Penev (left) tackles Romania's Gheorghe Popescu at St James' Park yesterday

Krasimir Balakov, he turned so sharply that his marker, Miodrag Belodedici, slipped. Free guard, Stoichkov dummied to

instead of the expected right, being the joint top scorer of the ner by Mikhailov, Daniel Prosqueezing the ball past Bogdan

After his penalty against the Spanish, he now has two goals rarely achieve at this level. Re- his left to give himself an extra in two matches in Euro 96 and Bulgarian door in search of sur- ble in the area, his shot shaving would have added insult to inceiving a pass 40 yards out yard and, as he entered the area, is on his way to emulating his vival. Hagi had a free-kick a post. The equaliser did not justice and it was only right that from the game's best player, stabbed the ball with his left foot feat of the 1994 World Cup of punched away from the top cor- come and, indeed, the best Stelea blocked the shot.

Southgate set to step

forward for England

tournament. crumpled against such genius even in injury time Prodan al-

dan nearly found the net with

chance of the second half fell to their opponents when Nasko Some teams would have a diving header after 68 minutes. Sirakov back-heeled audaciously to put Yordan Lechkov but Romania battered at the most made the most of a scram- clear. A second Bulgarian goal

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



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- cently ousting Liberal (8)
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Gareth Southgate could move forward into midfield when three-man defence Venables introduced for England, giving the option of either Southgate England take on Scotland tomorrow, with David Platt probor Ince stepping into the back line at times of pressure.

ably kept out by a rib injury. Platt has not trained properly since the England squad reassembled on Monday night. England will need reinforcements to aid Paul Gascoigne and Paul Ince in the centre, where they will confront Gary McAllister, Stuart McCall and John Collins. The options for the England coach, Terry Venables, are limited, his only alternative

being Jamie Redknapp, who did not impress against China. Southgate has taken to international football like a natural and before he joined Paul Mc-Grath in the Aston Villa defence he had performed with great credit in Crystal Palace's midfield in their relegation season.

Pushing him forward would

There was better news for England with Darren Anderton returning in yesterday's single. but lengthy, training session at Bisham after struggling for the last two days with a sore hamstring. The Tottenham winger could switch to the left flank on Saturday, with Nottingham Forest's right-sided Steve Stone coming back into the side to add

further solidity.
Steve McManaman has divided England followers between those impressed with his ability to take on and beat opponents, and those appalled at the quality of his crossing. Venables will want accurate service to a more orthodox front two, with Robbie Fowler his probabe a strong variation on the ble secret weapon alongside

Alan Shearer. Anderton is comfortable on either flank and a rest might prove a godsend for the wrong-footed McManaman on the left. Venables will tell his players

today who will face the auld enemy, but again he will not tell his public until just before the match. Scotland could pitch the

Celtic full-back Tosh McKinlay into the match. He looks set to return to Craig Brown's line-up, if Scotland revert to a five-man defence against whatever opposition Venables selects.

Scotland's injury worries are clearing in time for the crucial confrontation, with Stewart McKimmie, John Collins and Gary McAllister all likely to be ready for selection. McKimmie, the Aberdeen defender who has been nursing a knee injury for some time, did not train

Sacchi rotating his resources

tion, said: "Revolution is not the

ter-finals

Fabrizio Ravanelli was vesterday recalled by Italy for tonight's European Championship match against the Czech Republic at Anfield as the coach, Arrigo Sacchi, made a surprising five changes.

Ravanelli, the Juventus striker will be partnered by the £9m Parma forward, Enrico Chiesa, who makes his senior international debut.

Sacchi rests Gianfranco Zola and front-line partner Pier Luigi Casiraghi, the man who scored both goals in the opening 2-1 win against Russia. Another casualty is Alessandro del Piero, who loses his place to Roberto Donadoni, his halftime replacement on Tuesday.

in midfield, with Diego Fuser and Dino Baggio drafted in for Angelo Di Livio and Roberto di Matteo. Sacchi, who retains his entire defence, had always

planned to rotate his strong squad and knows that victory will take his side into the quar-Sacchi, explaining his selec-

right word - there are only three changes from the team which finished against Russia." Donadoni, Ravanelli and Fuser all went on as substitutes after the interval against the risk of sacrificing victory against Russians, but the Italian coach came under fire for leaving out strikers Casiraghi and Zola for the game against the Czech Republic.

Sacchi countered the criticism, saying: "The night before ment on Portugal's imaginative the game against Russia no one wanted them. I've taken criticism from everybody, but I believe that leaving them out is in the interests of the team and of the two players as well." The Italians will have had only two clear days between

matches and their coach added: "You can't play in the European Championship with only 11, 12 or 13 players - and I have great

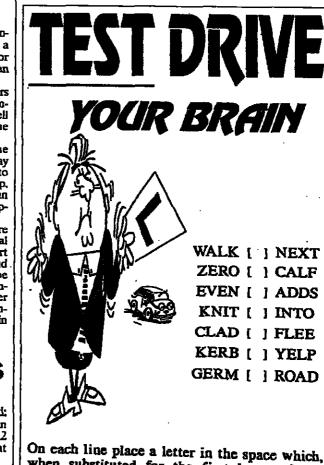
faith in all my 22."
Antonio Oliveira, the Portuguese coach, insists he will never compromise on his ambition to make his team the most technically gifted national team in Europe - even at the Turkey in this afternoon's vital group D clash in Nottingham. "It is always important to win, but I never want to win by playing badly,"Oliveira said.

Cynics have reserved judgeopening performance against the holders, Denmark, last Sunday after they dominated the game but could only draw 1-1.

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